

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: 6/29/62

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-7797)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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ReBulet to New York 5/28/62.

Set forth below is available data regarding the above captioned subject covering the period from January 1, 1960 to the present. Logical security informants were contacted and pertinent files reviewed.

I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

At a meeting of the State Committee, Missouri District Communist Party (CP) during the first week in March, 1962, one of the CP leaders present pointed out that several years before it had been agreed by the leadership that the "right wing" in the United States could best be combatted by having every CP member get into some mass organization. This leader complained that too few members are doing this. [redacted] Chairman of the Missouri District, then commented that there are only three mass organizations of real value. He described them as the Negro American Labor Council, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and political ward organizations. He then added "a little work might be done in some of the churches".

[redacted] March 5, 1962) ✓

[redacted] Nothing concretely has been done to implement suggestion that some work might be done in the churches.

[redacted] June 20, 1962) #

An educational class sponsored by the CP, Missouri District, was held on May 15, 1961 in St. Louis, Missouri. The instructor was [redacted] veteran CP member and also a member of the Educational Committee for the District. He

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discussed the historic struggles for survival. He pointed out that in the earliest days kings murdered kings in order to secure accession to thrones. [redacted] then observed if there were an almighty God he would not have allowed this to happen. [redacted] declared there is no God and added "he was created for the benefit of the rich" to keep people in slavery. [redacted] went on to say "we" can forget about him. He further said the poor people believed in him and went on making money for the rich.

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[redacted] June 6, 1961) ✓

The December, 1960 issue of "Moving Forward" which describes itself as "Issued monthly by the CP of Missouri, P.O. Box 464, Main Station, St. Louis 66, Missouri", contains a section titled "Words Are Tools". Beneath that is the caption "Morality (Capitalist)". The article asserts that MARX and ENGELS made some very pertinent discoveries on the topic of morals. It asserts, "One of them was that morals are not handed down ready-made from heaven on high as so many of the idealist philosophies attempt to portray. Rather, morals arise like the rest of the ideological superstructure from the economic base of society". The article then goes on to say that "The Communist Manifesto" declares the bourgeoisie were guilty of brutal exploits whenever they obtained control. Following this, the article continues saying, "The moral code of capitalism is a mixture of concepts invented by the bourgeoisie and some of the old moral concepts of feudalism and Christianity reworked to fit the needs of the capitalist ruling class. Capitalism did not eliminate all of the moral principles of Christianity when it assumed power because, as MARX pointed out, Christianity preached the necessity of a ruling class and an oppressed class and at the same time furnished the ideological concepts to justify such infamy. The capitalist class has found this useful for several centuries in maintaining their domination over the working class".

[redacted] January 25, 1961) ✓

Two copies of the December, 1960 issue of "Moving Forward" are enclosed herewith for the Bureau.

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II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

There are none in the St. Louis Division.

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

There has been no specific concentrated effort within this division. As indicated under Section I, [redacted] suggested the desirability of doing some "work" in the churches, but nothing specific has been attempted.

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IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ET CETERA, IN WHICH CPUSA AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MINISTERS OR THEIR NAMES

None.

V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES

None.

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

None.

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

There has been no program attempted by the Missouri District CP during the pertinent period in the religious field.

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THE BOOK SHELF

LISTEN, YANKEE: The Revolution in Cuba by C. Wright Mills, Ballantine Books, 1960, 50¢.

Prof. Mills, the author of Power Elite, has written a timely book after visiting Cuba in August, 1960. He spoke to rebel soldiers, intellectuals, officials, professors, and journalists.

The book has a "Note to the Reader" wherein Prof. Mills discusses how he obtained his material. Then eight "Letters" follow. In these the author attempts to give a composite of what he has discussed with the various individuals. The result has the effect of extreme intimacy: the mood, the anger, the hope, the anxiety of the Cuban revolutionaries are realistically conveyed. It is almost as if the reader were listening to them himself.

In a summary and evaluation the author, in a second "Note to the Reader," discusses not only Cuba but Latin America in general.

Because the events in Cuba are so important, and because this paperback is readily available, no attempt will be made to evaluate the book. Besides, after finishing it one is so excited about its contents that the only thing one can say is: "GO AND READ IT, YANKEE!"

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KING C. GILLETTE

I have more fun browsing in a bookshop than a monkey has in a forest full of coconuts. Sometime ago I walked in the bookshop on Washington near Broadway. I was attracted by the windows full of books and magazines marked 7 cents and up.

I picked out more than a dozen books for less than 3 dollars. Some were first editions. One book was a real find: a book by King C. Gillette, that cost me 29 cents, published in 1910. It is called World Corporation.

Gillette is very lyrical about the corporation. He visualized that the corporation would eliminate ~~wage~~ poverty, crime, and war. He believed that the corporations would absorb all economic activities until one "World Corporation" would result. The heads of the world corporation would be men of good will, of intelligence, and ability who would occupy these seats of authority through a kind of Civil Service. Favoritism and nepotism would be eliminated. He saw the world corporation as the workings of an "Economic Law" which could not be hindered by men or governments. He said any restrictions on the growth of corporations were against the natural law. Thus, he called the Sherman Anti - Trust Act "the monumental blunder of the century."

He states: "...the underlying principle of individualism...the King of Property and Wealth of Industry...are the legislative power of the nation." The answer to this state of affairs is to "TURN THE STREAM OF GOLD FLOWING INTO INDIVIDUAL HANDS INTO THE TREASURY OF THE PEOPLE." How? Through the corporation!

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He describes the daily rat race with a great deal of vividness. "...this incessant daily warfare of competition for wealth, - this hand-to-hand struggle which never ends, where every individual hides the rottenness of his soul by wearing a mask. Competition fans the flames of hell; makes cowards, thieves, and liars; breeds immorality, selfishness, envy, and greed; fosters hatred, and is responsible for all the crime about us. To this god and idol of civilization is sacrificed every year millions and millions of lives, that drop and perish in the inhuman struggle."

"We hear the crying of children, the weeping of mothers; and in the faces of men we see the lines of care that worry and anxiety have wrought, and the haunting look of doubt and fear that makes cowards of us all. It is the system of competition that is at fault. WE MUST CHANGE THE SYSTEM."

National, state, and municipal governments would pass out of existence. "There will be no voting, no political campaigns, and no favorites of fortune, either socially or industrially, except those who by study, application, perseverance, intelligence, and ability earn and by right attain positions in the World Corporate System."

I do not believe that the system Gillette had in mind has anything to do with the corporate state of Mussolini or the Nazi state of Hitler. Rather it appears more like the Technocrats' idea, except Gillette does not speak of a "2 per cent" elite of engineers and technicians who would rule. Gillette reminds one, also, perhaps of Karl Kautsky, the German Social Democrat, who saw in a "super-imperialism" the elimination of strife and war.

The chapter "KINGS AND SLAVES" is a knockout. He writes "...laws were made by the rich for the rich, to make them richer and more powerful...To the unbiased, honest, reasoning man or woman NO ARGUMENT IS

NECESSARY TO PROVE ANY SYSTEM WRONG WHICH PERMITS INDIVIDUALS TO BE BORN TO A LIFE OF NON-PRODUCTIVENESS. When you see millions of such individuals living, eating and drinking day by day, wearing fine clothes, living in beautiful homes, and enjoying all the pleasures, luxuries, and follies that life can give, yet never lifting a hand to balance their consumption of labor's product, YOU BEGIN TO WONDER WHO PAYS. Why is labor such a coward that it submits to be driven to the treadmill day after day, year after year, to supply rich foods, costly raiment, palaces, works of art, luxuries of travel, and endless amusement to those who never throughout a long life give back to man a single ounce of productive energy."

He refers to the rich as "The Idle One," and asks: "What has The Idle One done to earn this homage?... Everything that heart or mind can crave or vanity demand is offered in sacrifice by labor to placate - The Idle One. The procession does not end, IT NEVER ENDS; from cradle to grave...All the labor going on in the world at all time is contributing the best and greater part of the results of labor to the individual who never produces, - The Idle One: FOR A MAN CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT LABOR, EXCEPT HE LIVE ON THE LABOR OF THERS."

The "people have it in their hands to change the picture" by "World Corporation."

The chapter "POLITICS IS BUSINESS" is no less outspoken. "Politics is business - nothing more - and politicians are individualists, who are in politics to make money or attain through public life power or social position."

"Disinterested patriotism is a fiction, or at least so small a percentage enter public life from patriotic motives, as against those who do so from selfish motives, that it is not worth considering..."

"Men like Abraham Lincoln are so few and far between that they are like drops of spring water in an ocean of corruption."

"...representative government is under control of capital or that corrupt element termed Bossism which controls National, State, and Municipal affairs for the graft that is possible. The people, as a people, do not get any representation whatsoever; for politicians are not patriots and saints, but men who make the nation's business their business and are in the game for what there is in it for them - first, last, and all the time."

Gillette has an interesting characterization of the political parties. "The truth is, the Republican and Democratic ships are manned by professional political grafters and thieves to whom Captain Kidd and his pirate crew were saints and prophets by comparison..."

"If it were possible to compile a volume of names of Municipal, State, and National political betrayers of the people...the volume would be as large as Webster's Unabridged..."

Is this in way of a prophesy? "The time has gone by when flowery language, honeyed speech, or kissing babies can be the bellwether to lead the business man's and labor's vote to the slaughter...A NEW PARTY MUST BE BORN. It is a necessity to the life of the Nation."

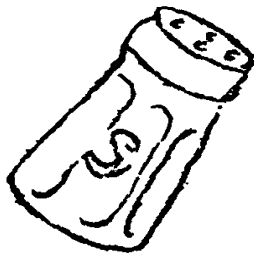
Gillette "boils" down the existing laws as follows: "You are born free and equal. Go out and fight for your bread, and God save those who can't fight..." He asks: "Is it possible to believe that justice can spring from such laws, that from such a foundation we can build a superstructure of honesty and virtue? Our present system is cold, heartless, debasing, and animal in all its features. It breeds crime, misery, un-

happiness, and sorrow, and fills our insane asylums, jails, penitentiaries, and almshouses with its victims, and lowers the best of us to the instincts of the jackal, with cruelty in our eyes, sensuality in our features, and our jaws dripping with warm blood..!"

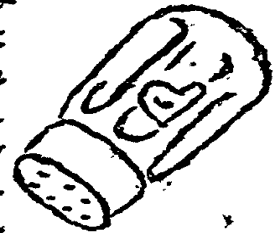
Gillette claims that "World Corporation" would "mean the absolute emancipation and freedom of woman." There would be no discrimination as far as race or sex or any other limitation to advancement in the higher bodies of the "World Corporation." Only ability, education or intelligence would count.

The founder of the razor industry appears to have been a pretty sharp old gent.

SALT AND PEPPER



Several weeks ago on "Open End" Prof. Sidney Hook said a mouthful, even for a "socialist": we should tell Russia we'll arm Germany with A and H bombs if Russia doesn't agree to negotiate with us. One got the



impression that if the Soviet Union makes a proposal, it's blackmail. When the United States, however, makes a proposal it's an offer -- in good faith, naturally ... for negotiation. Hook wants the United States to get tough, to issue an ultimatum to the Soviet Union. We can do this in good conscience. Hook says we "live in a free society."

It is a strange phenomenon: the person who sabre rattles, who talks glibly about giving and using A and H bombs, who sees only virtue and goodness on the part of the United States but sees only the devil and

evil on the part of the Soviet Union, such a person considers himself "free," "independent" and a "socialist." On the other hand, a person who advocates peaceful measures and negotiations is considered "soft on communism," has his patriotism questioned and is a frequent guest of some Senate or House Committee. But then again, Prof. Hook also considers himself a "pragmatist." That explains everything!

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Once upon a time we called a spade a spade and we said what we thought without evasion, without worrying about public relations. Thus, when business was bad, people out of work, business failures on the increase, we had "bad times," "hard times," or even "panic." Later this situation was described as a "depression." In recent times we found "recession" used widely. Of course other words are used: "a leveling out" period, economic factors "reaching a plateau," perhaps "a business decline" or "business slump" or even "economic factors pointing toward a downward trend." This doesn't exhaust the economist's double talk for what was once called "hard times." Now President Eisenhower has enriched our economic terminology by coining a new term: an economic "pause."

I believe I know how the President came to use this happy term. One of his golf companions is the head of a soft drink company. The slogan of one soft drink company is "the pause that refreshes." Now there is a well known and accepted theory among the more enlightened economists that a few million unemployed, say 2% or 3% of the labor force, is necessary for our economic well being. Hence, in some strange way of the human mind, this I believe may well be how the term "pause" was born to describe an economic slowdown or downturn. Doesn't an active golfer "pause" once in a while, perhaps enjoying a soft drink during this "pause"...

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Another thing that Marx and Engels discerned about morals was that in each age they have been predominantly the ideas of the ruling class. Thus when capitalist society came into being the moral concepts handed down to it by the previous epoch of feudalism were either thrown away or remodeled to fit the needs of the ruling capitalist class. "The bourgeoisie, wherever it has got the upper hand, has put an end to all feudal, patriarchal, idyllic relations. It has pitilessly torn asunder the motley feudal ties that bound man to his 'natural superiors,' and has left no other bond between man and man than naked self-interest, than callous 'cash payment.' It has drowned the most heavenly ecstasies of religious fervour, of chivalrous enthusiasm, of philistine sentimentalism, in the icy water of egotistical calculation. It has resolved personal worth into exchange value, and in place of the numberless indefeasible chartered freedoms, has set up that single, unconscionable freedom — Free Trade. In one word, for exploitation, veiled by religious and political illusions, it has substituted naked, shameless, direct, brutal exploitation."²

Thus the moral code of capitalism is a mixture of concepts invented by the bourgeoisie and some of the old moral concepts of feudalism and Christianity reworked to fit the needs of the capitalist ruling class. Capitalism did not eliminate all of the moral principles of Christianity when it assumed power because, as Marx pointed out, Christianity preached the necessity of a ruling class and an oppressed class and at the same time furnished the ideological concepts to justify such infamy. The capitalist class has found this useful for several centuries in maintaining their domination over the working class.³

2. Ibid, p. 11.

3. For a full description of the social and moral principles of Christianity read On Religion by Marx & Engels, Foreign Languages Publishing House, Moscow, 1957.

In the tumultuous times in which we live it is not surprising that we often find people moralizing — that is they are trying to determine what is the right manner of conduct for a particular situation or their relations with their fellow men. Moral action in some of the complex social relations that we find ourselves involved in capitalist society is by no means an easy task. Even people who think they have strong ideological convictions often find themselves in doubt during crucial periods of time. We think, however, that a deeper understanding of dialectical materialism and the Marxist concept of morality and from whence moral conduct arises would provide people with a better basis for understanding the world in which we live.

WORDS ARE TOOLS

MORALITY (Capitalist)

Marx and Engels made some very pertinent discoveries on the topic of morals. One of them was that morals are not handed down ready-made from heaven on high, as so many of the idealist philosophies attempt to portray. Rather, morals arise, like the rest of the ideological superstructure, from the economic base of society. In The Communist Manifesto they expressed this idea in this manner, "Does it require deep intuition to comprehend that man's ideas, views, and conceptions, in one word, man's consciousness, changes with every change in the conditions of his material existence, in his social relations and in his social life? What else does the history of ideas prove, than that intellectual production changes its character in proportion as material production is changed?"¹

1. Marx, K. & Engels, F., The Communist Manifesto, International Publishers Co., Inc., N. Y., 1948, pps. 28-29.

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In our country today many people are very concerned about the decline in morality. Of course, most of the populace having been nurtured on bourgeois religious concepts think the increase in immorality is due to peoples' lack of faith in religion and the placing of too much emphasis on material wealth. The thing they fail to realize is that the decline in morals is due to the breakdown of the capitalist economic base. The capitalist base long ago became outmoded and reactionary. The contradictions within the system spell its doom. The class struggle springs from the basic nature of the system. This struggle grows to white heat in many parts of the world and despite all the fiats, decrees, threats, and outright violence on the part of the reactionary capitalist class this struggle cannot be stopped until capitalism is replaced as a social order. It is from the violence that the ruling class promulgates in the world that the immorality of our times arises.

Even though our economic base has outlived its usefulness does not mean that the capitalist class will give up peacefully. Like all previous ruling classes they believe that morally only they have the right to direct the affairs of the world. Despite the fact that millions of people the world over demand an end to the capitalist system that keeps them living in squalor and poverty, the ruling circles of capitalism threaten that they will destroy civilization by plunging it into an atomic holocaust unless the workers submit to exploitation.

German capitalist morality gave the world as its prime achievement the Eichmanns with their inhumane massacres of millions. Recently U.S. capitalism gave one of their prime examples of morality on an international level by sending a spy plane to violate the territorial sovereignty of the Soviet Union, thereby provoking the dangers of atomic war. When their spy was caught the only regrets the apologists for capitalist morality made was that their spy was caught or

that he did not kill himself. All of their pious statements about "Thou shalt not kill" and other supposed everlasting moral commandments were tossed to the wind.

With such immorality loose in the world, in the name of goodness and morality itself, there can be little wonder that millions now question the morality of the capitalist system and see the moral good of humanity to be found in working class and communist morality.

FIGHTING WORDS

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A TRIP TO CUBA?

How would you like to make a trip to the Soviet Union or Cuba, all expenses paid? No, we aren't fooling. You have as much opportunity as anyone else, providing you are willing to get out of your rocking chair long enough to get some subscriptions to the Worker.

Officially, the Subscription Drive began Dec. 1. The state that gets the most subs on a proportional basis will select the individual who does the most outstanding job in that area as the winner. So let's get on the ball and win one of these wonderful trips.

WE HAVE A REAL SURPRISE FOR YOU.

Geraldine Lightfoot will be the guest of the Freedom of the Press Committee on Feb. 25, 1961. She will talk about her 3 1/2 month tour of France, Czechoslovakia, Roumania, Poland, and Russia. This event will be outstanding because it will be a double celebration. We will be celebrating the 50th birthday of William Z. Foster and 37 years of the Daily and Sunday Worker.

Tickets to the meeting will be available soon. We expect a big turnout. Bring your family, shop mates, and friends. In the meantime, build the Worker!

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: 6/28/62

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-13975)

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ReBulet dated 5/28/62.

Review of all pertinent files in the Cincinnati Office concerning the topics set out in relet establishes that since prior to 1/1/60, the Communist Party, USA (CP) within the area of the Cincinnati Division, has been without effective organization, direction, and leadership. Specifically, since prior to January 1, 1960, informants and sources of the Cincinnati office have furnished information showing that CP members residing in the Cincinnati Division to be incapable of mustering any effort in furtherance of the CP line regarding religion. There has been no effort made by the Cincinnati Division area CP members to originate any activity implementing CP programs in the religious field.

Current contacts with logical security informants has been made with negative results. Informants are as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
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I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

Review of files and contact with sources listed above developed no information as to Statements by World Communist Leaders; Statements by CPUSA Leaders; CPUSA Programs and Directives; originating within the area of the Cincinnati Division.

II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

Review of files and contact with sources listed above developed no information concerning any Communist Front Organizations Active In Religious Field within the area of the Cincinnati Division.

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Review of files and contact with sources listed above resulted in identifying no CP members in the Cincinnati Division, who have attempted to infiltrate churches and religious groups as a part of a program or implementation of a program of the CP USA. CP members of this Division have had no success in infiltrating churches and religious groups.

IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ET CETERA, IN WHICH CP USA AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MINISTERS OR THEIR NAMES

Review of files and contact with sources listed above established that no efforts have been made by CP members in the area of the Cincinnati Division to obtain support of ministers or their names for Communist causes, activities, or petition campaigns.

V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES.

Review of files and contact with sources listed above

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established that there are no Communist front organizations operating within the area of this Division in which ministers or individuals active in the religious field are serving in leadership capacities.

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

Review of the Security Index of this office shows no person listed who is a minister or church worker.

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

Review of files and contact with sources listed above established the CP within the area of the Cincinnati Division has not been capable of mustering an effort to carry out CP programs in the religious field.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: June 28, 1962

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-4598) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bureau letter May 28, 1962.

I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

No information available Louisville.

II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

No information available Louisville.

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

No information available Louisville.

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No information available Louisville.

V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES

Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), 822 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana (OO: New Orleans). Following are ministers or persons active in religious field residing in Kentucky, who were members of the Board of Directors of the SCEF, as of July 18, 1961:

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[redacted] (Louisville)
[redacted] (Louisville)
[redacted] (Lexington)
(College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky)

Source:

[redacted]
New Orleans, Louisiana

(Highly confidential source, protect identity by request)

Louisville has no information indicating that any of the above individuals have ever been members of the Communist Party.

[redacted] is an attorney who has long been involved in integration activity in Louisville. He is also a minister and is a Bishop in the A.M.E. Zion Church. He was one of the defense attorneys for CARL BRADEN, Louisville SI subject and former Communist Party member in 1955 when BRADEN was prosecuted locally under a Kentucky State Seditious Statute. (BRADEN and his wife, ANNE, are field secretaries of the SCEF) [redacted] was also co-chairman of a Communist influenced or controlled defense committee which supported the defense of BRADEN in his prosecution for sedition.

[redacted] prior to 1954, was connected with several local organizations of interest to the Communist Party.

[redacted] was reputedly connected with one function of an organization of interest to the Communist Party prior to 1955.

No investigations are currently being conducted concerning any of the above named individuals.

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VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON
THE SECURITY INDEX

None.

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS
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IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

(SCEF operates in racial field and the above ministers are active in integration activity rather than religious field insofar as connection with SCEF is concerned. Communist Party inactive in Kentucky.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: 6/30/62

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (100-5005)(P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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ReBulet to New York dated 5/28/62.

Submission of results of review of files in captioned matter has been delayed due to expedite Election Law investigation. Letter will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 7/7/62.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: 7/2/62

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-9683) -C-

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebulet May 28, 1962, instructing that a survey be made of pertinent files in the Salt Lake City Division pertaining to Communism and Religion for the period from January 1, 1960, to the present, and that informants be contacted pertaining to this matter.

The instructions of relet have been followed and the results are as follows:

I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

No pertinent information.

II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

No pertinent information.

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

A. Programs

No pertinent information.

B. Implementation of Programs

No pertinent information.

C. Miscellaneous

[Redacted] panel source who has

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furnished reliable information in the past, on January 18, 1962, furnished the following information:

[redacted]
[redacted] cooperate with the Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. [redacted] is working with the youth of the church and has recently scheduled an ice skating party for the youth group.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party in Utah at the present time.

[redacted] on March 27, 1962, furnished the following information:

[redacted] continues to work with the youth organization at the Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, and his wife, [redacted] works with him. [redacted] has also joined the Men's Club of this church and is scheduled to be the Master of Ceremonies at a dinner to be held at the church, with the theme of United Nations.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on March 17, 1961:

A Marxist-Leninist Class met in Salt Lake City on March 14, 1961. There was some discussion pertaining to religion and religious thinking. [redacted] asked some of those present whether they attended church and if their parents had been religious. One of those present asked [redacted] why he goes to church. [redacted] replied that his wife is a Methodist and he has a compromise agreement with her. He added that he was formerly a Catholic as a boy. [redacted] was sharply critical of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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with respect to its attitude on civil rights and other matters of social reform. [redacted] was less critical and mentioned that this church had offered him welfare when he was on strike even though this church knew how he stood on religious matters.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that [redacted] are members of the Communist party in Utah at the present time.

IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ET CETERA, IN WHICH CPUSA AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MINISTERS OR THEIR NAMES

No pertinent information.

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V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES

No pertinent information.

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

A. Ministers

No pertinent information.

B. Church Workers

[redacted]

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

No pertinent information.

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[redacted] who is considered the leader of the Communist Party in Utah, has previously been extremely active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and in the 1930s filled a religious mission for this church in Germany. He would in all probability be active in his church at the present time except for the fact that the church is unwilling for him to be active. His church activity antedates his membership in the Communist Party and there has been no indication at any time that he was active in his church on instruction from the Communist Party or at the request of the Communist Party.

[redacted] who is [redacted] and also a member of the Communist Party in Utah, is periodically active in the same church, but is not at the present time except for attendance at meetings. There has been no indication that her church activity is in any way connected with her Communist Party membership.

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The Utah Council for Constitutional Liberties (UCCL) is a Communist front organization in Salt Lake City, Utah. It has in the past on occasion co-sponsored meetings with groups affiliated with the Unitarian Society in Salt Lake City. It has also previously used premises of the Unitarian Society for meetings. There is no indication that this has been done within the pertinent period involved in this survey.

The instance of [redacted] which is set out in the body of this survey, appears to have been brought about mainly by his wife and there is no indication that he is engaging in work with the Methodist Church at the instigation of the Communist Party.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: 7/2/62

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-34867) (C)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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Re Bulet to New York and all offices, dated May 28, 1962.

The following information is submitted per instructions in rebulet:

I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

No information.

II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

No information.

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

The following is submitted as it appears to be the only information which might be considered in this category:

[redacted] on October 29, 1961 advised that at a meeting of the Executive Committee, North Shore Section, CPUSA, New England District, held at Lynn, Mass., on October 24, 1961, [redacted] a member of the North Shore Section, in commenting on a recent conversation with [redacted] also a member of the North Shore Section, reported that [redacted] had recently met with the new minister of [redacted] Saugus, Mass. Universalist Church and some of its members to discuss ways of re-activating the church membership. [redacted] according to [redacted] had said there was a need for a good program to stimulate interest in this church and had suggested a series of "Forums". [redacted] had said he could get some Negro to speak on equal rights in labor unions as "a good start for the proposed "Forums".

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[redacted] stated that at this meeting of the North Shore Section, CPUSA, New England District, it was decided to have [redacted] try to get this "Forum" started and that the North Shore Section would try to get people to attend. [redacted] then pointed out "this would be an avenue for some people to follow who are afraid to attend anything that is too close to the Communist Party".

[redacted]
[redacted] on December 28, 1961 advised that a "Forum" was held in the basement of the Universalist Church, Saugus, Mass., on December 7, 1961 with [redacted] previously mentioned, as Chairman. [redacted] introduced the speaker, a lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at Boston, who spoke on problems facing the Negro population such as housing and job discrimination. According to [redacted] there were five members of the North Shore Section, CPUSA, New England District present at this meeting.

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[redacted]
[redacted] on December 28, 1961 advised that [redacted] mentioned previously, was Chairman of the "Forum" held at the Universalist Church, Saugus, Mass. on December 7, 1961, previously described.

[redacted]
[redacted] on January 12, 1962 advised it had come to his attention that on December 31, 1961 two individuals known to [redacted] as members of the North Shore Section, CPUSA, New England District, had given [redacted] the sum of \$200. to help the "Forum" to be held on the coming Thursday evening at the Universalist Church, Saugus, Mass.

[redacted]
[redacted] on February 2, 1962 advised that at a meeting of the North Shore Section, CPUSA, New England District, held at Lynn, Massachusetts, on January 23, 1962, [redacted] gave a report on the

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"Forum" at the Universalist Church, Saugus, Mass. Following this, according to [redacted] there was some discussion as to whether the "Forum" was accomplishing what it intended to do, namely, the ability to influence people. [redacted] then commented that "we had to go slow and not push too hard".

[redacted]

[redacted] advised on March 16, 1962 that on March 8, 1962 a "Forum" was held at the Universalist Church, Saugus, Mass. at which GEORGE BERKLEY, a special assignments editor for radio station WCOP, spoke on the Berlin crisis. Attending this "Forum" were

[redacted] and [redacted] all known to [redacted] as members of the North Shore Section, CPUSA, New England District.

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IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ET CETERA, IN WHICH CPUSA AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MINISTERS OR THEIR NAMES

No information.

V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTER OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES

No information.

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

A. None

B. [redacted] previously mentioned.

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

No information in addition to that set forth under Item III.

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The following informants having knowledge of various phases of Communist Party activity in the Greater Boston area were contacted on the dates indicated and could furnish no pertinent information in addition to that set forth:

[redacted] contacted June 10, 1962 by SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN
[redacted] contacted June 15, 1962 by SA DARREL B. CURRIE
[redacted] contacted June 12, 1962 by SA [redacted]
[redacted] contacted June 12, 1962 by SA [redacted]

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The Boston Division will remain alert for pertinent information concerning the above captioned topics and will include such information in its quarterly submissions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: 7/5/62

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-14005) - RUC -

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Bureau letter dated May 28, 1962.

I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

- A. Statements by World Communist Leaders
No Information
- B. Statements by CPUSA Leaders
No Information
- C. CPUSA Programs and Directives
No Information

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II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

No Information

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

- A. Programs
No Information
- B. Implementation of Programs
No Information

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IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ET CETERA, IN WHICH CPUSA AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MINISTERS OR THEIR NAMES

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On 5/25/62, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that the Wisconsin Committee for Constitutional Freedom during approximately January and February, 1962 engaged in a campaign to obtain the support of various

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ministers in the Wisconsin area for a petition directed to the President of the United States requesting executive clemency for CARL BRADEN and FRANK WILKINSON.

On February 13, 1962, [] furnished a petition to SA JOHN WALLACE WERTZ which petition had been directed to the President of the United States requesting executive clemency in the case of CARL BRADEN and FRANK WILKINSON. An examination of this petition revealed that eleven ministers and rabbis from the Wisconsin area had signed a petition in support of the request for executive clemency.

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V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES

No Information

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

A. Ministers

No Information

B. Church Workers

No Information

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

No Information

Other security informants of the Milwaukee Office were contacted but could furnish no additional information other than that set forth above.

It should be noted that the Wisconsin Committee for Constitutional Freedom is the only active Communist Party Front organization operating in the Wisconsin area. The CP in Wisconsin has been inactive in recent years in any of the mass organizations including religion.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-438529)

DATE: June 29, 1962

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (100-16806) (c)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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ReBulet dated May 28, 1962.

Set forth below under the various topical headings requested by the Bureau are the results of a review of New Orleans files relating to Communist activities in this division. The review of all pertinent files covered the period from January 1, 1960, to the present date. Also included is the results of contacting New Orleans Informants neither of whom had any current or up-to-date information regarding the topics covered in this project.

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The New Orleans Division consists of the entire state of Louisiana and the southern district (approximately the southern half) of Mississippi. These areas are included in the area designated by the Communist Party - USA as the Southern Region. The Communist Party does not maintain office space or a headquarters in the State of Louisiana or in the southern district of Mississippi. There are no Communist leaders in this area, and there have not been any since the Eastland Committee held hearings in New Orleans in 1956 and exposed all Communist leaders. There are only ten registered members of the Communist Party in the entire New Orleans division at this time, and the activity is very limited. None of the ten members reside in the southern district of Mississippi. In the tabulation below, the word "Mississippi" refers only to the southern district of the State, the portion covered by the New Orleans Office.

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I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

- A. Statements by World Communist Leaders
- B. Statements by CPUSA Leaders
- C. CPUSA Programs and Directives

Louisiana: No information falling within this heading.

Mississippi: No information falling within this heading.

II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

Louisiana: No information falling within this heading.

Mississippi: No information falling within this heading.

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

- A. Programs
- B. Implementation of Programs

Louisiana: No information falling within this heading.

Mississippi: No information falling within this heading.

IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ET CETERA, IN WHICH CPUSA AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MINISTERS OR THEIR NAMES

Louisiana: No information falling within this heading.

Mississippi: No information falling within this heading.

V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES

Louisiana: No information falling within this heading.

Mississippi: No information falling within this heading.

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

A. Ministers

B. Church Workers

Louisiana: No information falling within this heading.

Mississippi: No information falling within this heading.

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

Louisiana: No information falling within this heading.

Mississippi: No information falling within this heading.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403529)

DATE: 7/6/62

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (100-6667) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet 5/28/62.

A review of all pertinent files concerning topics in the outline set forth in reBulet for the period 1/1/60 to the present time for the States of Iowa and Nebraska has been made. No information was developed concerning captioned matter from the review of Omaha files.

Security Informant [redacted] former Security Informant [redacted] and [redacted] were contacted in order to secure data re CPUSA attempted infiltration in the religious field and they were unable to furnish any information concerning this matter.

Set forth hereinafter are the results for the States of Iowa and Nebraska:

- I. None
- II. None
- III. None known
- IV. None known
- V. None known
- VI. None
- VII. In view of lack of infiltration or attempted infiltration into the religious field in the States of Iowa and Nebraska, the CPUSA and its front groups have been ineffective.

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ReBulet to New York, copies to all continental offices, dated 5-28-62.

To date the Bureau has not received the information requested in referenced letter. Advise Bureau by return letter the date this information was furnished. If the information has not been furnished, you should immediately furnish the same.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (~~100-430529~~)

DATE: July 11, 1962

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (100-5005) (C)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to New York dated May 28, 1962.

The following is set forth from review of Birmingham files and contact with logical sources:

I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

No information has been received that the CP has expressed any plans or programs within the Birmingham area with respect to religion or churches. For several years CP activities in this division have been very limited, there presently being only one person, [redacted] of Birmingham, Ala. who has engaged in CP activities. This activity consisted of attendance at a CP meeting in Montgomery, Alabama on July 23, 1961 and in April, 1962 writing a letter to a CP member in Montgomery, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is a CP member at Montgomery, Alabama, furnished information as to the above. [redacted] furnished no information that the subject of religion or churches was discussed at above CP meeting or in above letter. CP membership in Birmingham Division is composed of [redacted] Their activity is very limited.

II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

There are no CP Front Organizations in Birmingham Territory.

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III. CP, USA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

There has been no information received since January 1, 1960 indicating the CP has made any effort to infiltrate churches or religions or religious groups in Birmingham territory. One member, [redacted] Birmingham, has occasionally attended meetings of Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, the principal racial organization which is promoting racial integration. This organization is supported by a number of ministers and church groups and has headquarters at Birmingham.

Birmingham has no Confidential Informant in the CP at present. Coverage of CP activity is by the following sources on dates shown. They have advised there has been no CP infiltration or control of the ACMHR and that [redacted] is not in a position of leadership in this group, attends only occasionally and takes no major part in its activities. These sources are:

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[redacted] Birmingham
Police Department, April 17, 1962.

[redacted] Source of Information (Security)
on April 27, 1962 and June 15, 1962.

[redacted] Former SI, on June 10, 1962.

[redacted] Source of Information,
April 27, 1962.

IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ETC.

No pertinent information received.

V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES.

The report of SA ERNEST C. WALL, JR., New Orleans, dated 8/23/61 entitled "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. IS - C" on page 25 reflects that [redacted] Whitney National Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 8/18/61 furnished the names

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of the Board of Directors of SCEF which included [redacted] of Alabama. [redacted] is head of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.

The above report reflects further that on August 18, 1962 [redacted], New Orleans, La., furnished information concerning a communication from the Carl Braden Clemency Appeal Committee which was being distributed by the SCEF. This communication reflected that [redacted] leader of civil rights movement in Birmingham, Alabama was a member of a delegation which was to call on President KENNEDY asking clemency for CARL BRADEN. CARL BRADEN was sentenced on May 1, 1961 to a one-year sentence for Contempt of the HUAC.

The Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. has been cited by the HUAC. [redacted] was formerly pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

None.

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VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CP, USA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

Sources of the Birmingham Office familiar with Communist Party activities in this area have furnished no information reflecting that the Communist Party has any present program for infiltration of Religious groups. These sources and dates contacted by SA JAMES L. PUGH are:

[redacted] former CP member and former SI, 6/19/62.

[redacted] former CP member.

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[redacted] former CP member.

[redacted] Source of Information (Security, 6/15/62.

(In addition, [redacted] at Montgomery, Alabama is in occasional contact with [redacted] and would know of any of her plans regarding church and religious groups.)

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These sources have advised they know of no organized efforts by [redacted] or any other persons who may be connected with the CP with respect to religious organizations.

The Birmingham Office will be continually alert for any indication the CP is taking any action in this territory with respect to religious groups.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403529) (RM) DATE: 7/11/62

Ljfa FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-34867)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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ReBulet to Birmingham, cc Boston, dated 7/9/62.

This information was furnished the Bureau by letter dated 7/2/62 at Boston.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-¹⁰⁰⁻⁴⁰³⁵²⁹~~430529~~)

DATE: 7/11/62

FD 217 sent to Milwaukee 7-16-62 RH
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-14005) (RUC) *W*

SUBJECT: *0* COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet 7/9/62.

Information requested by Bureau was furnished in Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated 7/5/62.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-430529)

DATE: 7/12/62

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City (100-9683)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebulet 7/9/62, advising that Bureau had not received information requested in Bulet 5/28/62.

Salt Lake City furnished the requested information to the Bureau by letter dated 7/2/62 bearing the same caption as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403529)

DATE: 7/12/62

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (100-6667) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau dated 7/6/62 and
Bureau letter to Birmingham dated 7/9/62.

The information requested in Bureau letter to
New York dated 5/28/62 was furnished to the Bureau by
Omaha in referenced Omaha letter dated 7/6/62.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-430529)
100-403529

DATE: 7/11/62

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-211)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to New York, copies to all Continental Offices dated 5/28/62 and Bulet to Birmingham dated 7/9/62.

I. COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION AND CHURCHES

- A. Statements by World Communist Leaders - None in El Paso Division
- B. Statements by CPUSA Leaders - None in El Paso Division
- C. CPUSA Programs and Directives - None in El Paso Division

II. COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

None in El Paso Division

III. CPUSA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

- A. Programs - None in El Paso Division
- B. Implementation of Programs - None in El Paso Division

IV. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST CAUSES, ACTIVITIES, PETITION CAMPAIGNS, ET CETERA, IN WHICH CPUSA AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCSESSEUL IN OBTAINING SUPPORT OF MINISTERS OR THEIR NAMES

None in El Paso Division

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(1 - 100-3-82, CPUSA Religious Activities)

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V. IDENTITIES OF COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH MINISTERS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD ARE SERVING IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES.

None in El Paso Division

VI. IDENTITIES OF MINISTERS AND CHURCH WORKERS ON THE SECURITY INDEX

A. Ministers - None

B. Church Workers - On May 8, 1962, [redacted] advised [redacted] that [redacted] offered to type the weekly programs for Unitarian Fellowship House, 4425 Byron Street on April 27, 1962, and has been typing it since then.

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Informant added that [redacted] holds no position of leadership and exerts no influence on the policies of the Unitarian Fellowship House in El Paso, Texas.

[redacted] is currently on the Security Index.

VII. EFFECTIVENESS OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF CPUSA AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN RELIGIOUS FIELD

On June 19, 1962 and July 3, 1962, both [redacted] and [redacted] who are familiar with CP activity in West Texas, advised that the CPUSA, West Texas Branch have held no CP meetings during the period January 1, 1960 to the present and that there has been no attempt on the part of the CP or any CP members in the El Paso Division, to infiltrate or dominate churches or religious groups.

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Both informants advised that El Paso CP members [redacted] her husband [redacted] and NATHALIE GROSS attend the Unitarian Fellowship House, 4425 Byron Street, El Paso, Texas, but that none of them is in a position of leadership or exert any influence on the policies of the church and that they in no way control, influence, or direct the activities of the church.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-403529)

DATE: July 13, 1962

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FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16807) (C)

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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ReBulet to Birmingham dated July 9, 1962.

Information requested by Bulet to New York, copies to all continental offices, dated May 25, 1962, was furnished in mylet dated June 29, 1962, and forwarded by registered mail.

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Palos Verdes Estates, California

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of July 25, 1962, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have the specific data you requested.

I am, however, enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Statement on Communism (7-15-62)
Do You Really Understand Communism?
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior letter to correspondent on 10/10/61, and there is no derogatory information concerning him.

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Palos Verdes Estates,
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

*Change into
Religion*

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have been making a study of Communist infiltration into the churches. I have found, much to my dismay, that my own is highly infiltrated. There are in my church, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, various Bishops, priests, and deacons, having seemingly pro-Communist sympathies.

I should like for you to send me any available information on this subject if it is at all possible. I believe that the churches are perhaps the number one target of the Communist menace, this is probably because most people would never believe that man with the collar to be anything but their humble servant, wandering from pillar to post, trying to do good. They are not prepared to be faced with anything otherwise.

I would also like to know, provided that it is not against regulation, if you could send me any available information concerning the activities of [Redacted] Bishop James Pike (Dioscese of California), and [Redacted]

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Most Respectfully,

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B. APPROX

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Cohansey Baptist Church
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 24, 1962, has been received, and your interest in offering assistance to this Bureau is indeed appreciated.

While I cannot authorize you to act in any capacity for the FBI, individuals can be of the utmost aid by referring to proper authorities all information coming to their attention of a criminal or subversive nature. Should you receive such information which you believe would be of interest to the FBI, please feel free to contact representatives of our Newark Office located at U. S. Post Office and Court House Building, Newark 2, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Religion

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From newspaper articles on certain clergymen and from radio reports, the charge of communism through the pulpits of America has aroused my interest. I know of no such minister that is a Communist, though I have heard such charges made. My reason for writing is to suggest that I might be used if such investigation was necessary among ministers.

Here is a brief summary of my background: I am  years old. My family includes a wife and three children. Between 1951 and 1954, I served in the U.S. Navy receiving an honorable discharge. Upon the completion of my enlistment, I immediately began college work. I spent 4 years at Baptist Bible Seminary where I received a Bachelor's degree. I then taught elementary school for several years while I completed my Master's degree at the School of Education at Cortland, New York. In 1961, I came to assume the pastorate at Cohansey Baptist Church. Now I am taking courses at Crozer Theological Seminary. My affiliation is with the American Baptist Convention.

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Crozer Seminary has men of many denominations taking training. It would not be strange if I were to change denominations temporarily in order to work with other groups of Protestants. Being interested and training in theology would enable someone like myself to work with a Communist Clergyman without being suspected if such a need was present.

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I shall be glad to help in any way I can. Thank you for your time.
I am,

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Sincerely yours, AUG 2 1962



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 27, 1962

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. Harrington

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION

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In order to secure an up-to-date picture of the programs of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), and its front organizations, in the field of religion, a recent survey of all field offices within the continental limits of the United States was made. This survey covered the period from January, 1960, to June, 1962.

An analysis of the field letters discloses (1) the Communist Party's (CP) attitude toward religion has not changed in that it attempts to create the illusion communists believe in religious freedom, when, in fact, the Party's attitude is that churches and religion constitute a soporific weapon of the ruling class to maintain its power over the people. (2) The Party in carrying out its mass organization program continues to urge its members to join and infiltrate church groups but, for the most part, it has not been able to infiltrate any of our religious institutions to the extent it exerts any control over its policies. (3) The Party continues to secure some support from some of the clergy in lending their names or signing petitions, either knowingly or unknowingly, on various issues such as peace, disarmament, civil rights, et cetera.

The communist attitude toward religion is seen in the speech of Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA, in Madison, Wisconsin, on 5/7/62. In this speech Hall stated, in answer to a question, that he does not believe in God and that "in the Marxian science there is no more room for religion than there is in any other science." According to the field letters, the communist's religion is communism; his god, man; his bible, Marxism-Leninism; his ritual, Party life; his dogma, Party pronouncements; his philosophy, dialectical materialism; his creed, economics is man's basic existence and the scientific use of the same is the highest aspiration.

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Regarding the CP's attempts to infiltrate religious institutions, Claude Lightfoot, Chairman of the CP National Negro Commission, in discussing the Negro question at a CP meeting in San Francisco in April, 1960, stated that as many CP members as possible should join Negro churches. According to the field letters, the average communist might participate in religious groups but not in church services.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
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In attempting to secure support on various issues, the CP, or its front groups, mails progressive literature and communist propaganda to various clergymen in an effort to influence their thinking on the issues involved. Thus, some clergymen, either knowingly or unknowingly, have lent their names, signed petitions or otherwise given support to issues in which the CP is interested. However, compared with the thousands of clergymen in the United States today, the number which the CP is able to "dupe" or otherwise secure support from is a very small percent.

OBSERVATIONS:

All in all, the situation has not changed materially since our last analysis in March, 1960. The analysis at that time disclosed: (1) The CP had a program aimed at attempting to infiltrate religious organizations in the United States; (2) CP members had been instructed to join churches and church groups in an attempt to influence church members along communist lines; and (3) What little success the Party had in the religious field was its ability to secure the support of some clergymen, either knowingly or unknowingly in signing petitions and lending their names in support of communist causes.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of any pertinent information or pertinent changes relating to this matter.

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August 14, 1962

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Fort Worth 4, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 6, 1962, with enclosures, has been received.

Although I deeply appreciate the motives prompting your writing me, I am unable to answer your specific inquiry since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Furthermore, this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not give evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

Your enclosures are being returned, and I am sending you material available for distribution by this Bureau on the general topic of communism. I hope you find it of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent's 5 enclosures
Deadly Duel
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
NBC Statement on Communism, 7-15-62
Do You Really Understand Communism?
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. [REDACTED] enclosed a Letter to the Editor of the Fort Worth "Star-Telegram" in which he contradicted an earlier Letter written by H. L. Hunt, 1704 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, for Hunt's condemnation of Government leaders who have tried to quell "super-patriots." [REDACTED] mentions the John Birch Society's unproven accusation that there are 600 American ministers who are communist sympathizers, and he was, in turn, challenged by [REDACTED] to give his facts disproving this accusation. [REDACTED] then encloses a letter he proposes forwarding to the Fort Worth "Star-Telegram."

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This is a controversy the Bureau certainly should not wish to become embroiled in. It has not been possible to verify the address of 1704 Main Street, Dallas, as belonging to the Texas oilman Haroldson Lafayette Hunt, backer of "Lifeline," radio program in Arlington, Virginia. On the basis of information furnished, [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

Correspondent's fifth enclosure was an airmail-stamped, self-addressed envelope too small to utilize in return.

6 Aug. 1962

Fort Worth 4, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Infiltration into Religion

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Can you tell me, please, whether there really are as many as 600 American church ministers who are proven communist sympathizers? I cannot believe it, and have been called to task for that, as enclosed clippings show.

I'd like to answer [redacted] as in enclosed proposed Letters From the People, particularly the last paragraph, proof No. 3. But for this I need your verification. If you cannot supply that, could you give a generalized statement?

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Gratefully,

[redacted signature box]

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CORRESPONDENCE

Morning
Dying Clamor

The warnings from many of our national leaders to beware of those who love our land and are outspoken in favor of it seem to have subsided. They were proclaiming that "super-patriots," "extremists," and other pet names they gave them would divide the people and lead to our downfall. Their present silence raises more questions.

Have they encountered a chilly atmosphere? Have they decided they were mistaken? Has Moscow decided to call off the barking against anti-Communists, or do they think their mission has been accomplished and all patriots are safely subdued?

H. L. HUNT.

1704 Main St.
Dallas

Friday, July 20

'Yes' and 'No'

H. L. Hunt in the July 20 Star-Telegram, asked in effect whether the liberals have given up arguing with the conservatives? As one liberal, my answer is "yes" and "no." It is "yes" to Mr. Hunt and such who refuse to consider the reasonable, factual points that have been set forth clearly and repeatedly, such as that:

1. David Lawrence is unfair and inaccurate in some of his statements. Were he fair he would not invariably hit Kennedy but never Eisenhower. Fair reporting would bring the opposite at least once in a while.

2. Many fair, patriotic Americans disagree with conservatives on some issues—for which audacity such patriots are dubbed "socialist," or "trying to destroy our Constitution," etc.

3. The Birch Society's blanket, unproved accusation that some 600 American ministers are "Communist sympathizers." This is an unfair, irresponsible lie, as all thinking, reasonable people should realize by now.

To all reasonable readers, however, my answer is "no." I'll never give up trying to give fair presentations of controversial issues as they arise, unless others are already doing a perfectly good job of it, as in the Supreme Court's decision on public school mandatory prayer.

ALFRED O. WUPPERMAN

426 May St.

Wed Aug 1

Sat Morning Aug 4
Challenges Statement

Alfred O. Wupperman (Letters, morning, Aug. 1) tells your readers that he is reasonable and factual and then proceeds to state:

"The Birch Society's blanket, unproved accusation that some 600 American ministers are 'Communist sympathizers.' This is an unfair, irresponsible lie, as all thinking, reasonable people should realize by now."

He goes on to say that he will always give fair presentations. I would like to request Mr. Wupperman to give his facts disproving the accusation about 600 ministers being sympathetic to Communist causes. I feel fairly sure Mr. Wupperman is way off base in his statements. If he will give references to support his side of the case I will give some references which will make the Birch Society look conservative by comparison.

JOSEPH WARREN

Sat Aug
Box 8093 *JWK*

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Letters From the People, Ft. Worth Star Telegram

ANSWERS

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in Saturday Morning's Star Telegram, Aug. 4, wants proof that no 600 American church ministers are communist sympathizers. My proofs:

1. Infiltration by several communists into an organization of any kind, even religious, does not prove all the organization's members communist sympathizers. Accusation of such may be proof in Russia, but not in America, although far too many here seem to think it is. American ministers generally are at least reasonably well educated and at least reasonably well adjusted people. Even of the exceptions, few would voluntarily sympathize with communism. They are not that stupid. The accusations against them are simply unreasonable.

2. There have been no screaming headlines giving names or proofs of such ministerial communist sympathy. Headlines of general accusations, perhaps, but no names or proofs that I know of. And wouldn't the papers make the most of it if they had such names and proof?

3. The FBI does not have a list of 600 American ministers who are proven communist sympathizers. The Birch Society's Robert Welch makes the accusations, but has never given the FBI the names or proofs. This automatically brands Welch as either a traitor for failure to supply the names and data, or at best, as a flagrant liar for making the false claims and accusations.

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August 17, 1962

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Estill Methodist Church
Post Office Box 494
Estill, South Carolina

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 13th has been received, and the concern which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Enclosed is a list of organizations designated by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450. You may wish to refer to the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," copies of which can be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The cost is 70 cents per copy.

I am also enclosing some publications reflecting my views on the communist menace which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AG's List of Subversive Organizations and Publications
Statement on Communism, NBC, July 15, 1962
Faith in God -- Our Answer to Communism
Deadly Duel
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?

NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable in Bufiles. Correspondent's last question (Number 4) has been ignored. Edgar C. Bundy, General Chairman of the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois, claims to have formerly been a Major in Air Force Intelligence. He represented himself in 1950 as a former FBI Agent but this allegation was not substantiated. In 1954, Bundy deliberately tried to mislead the Bureau by attempting to get a Bureau speaker, the then Inspector C. D. DeLoach, to appear before a political meeting. Bundy's scheme was discovered in time to thwart it and the Chicago Office was instructed to be most circumspect in subsequent dealings with him, (100-54070-6; 100-158864-9; 47-39431-18) and W. C. Sullivan to Belmont memo 5-2-51. Bundy is also a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country on communism, and the Bureau received frequent citizens' inquiries concerning him. His book, "Collectivism in the Churches," is an emotional attack against the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Allegations have been received from an associate of Bundy's that he is a homosexual and performed perverted acts during 1945 to 1953. (62-104576). The 1948 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities listed Dr. Sockman as among the "47 individuals with a known record of supporting front organizations and causes." Some of these have been: National Council Against Conscription; Russian War Relief, Inc.; World Youth Conference; and American Committee for Spanish Freedom.

Estill Methodist Church

P. O. Box 494 -- PHONE 3081

ESTILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

13 August, 1962

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Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Perhaps you will be able to help me. If not, please direct me to someone who can.

I am a methodist minister in a small town. I find that I am almost overwhelmed by the feeling that the churches in this country are badly infiltrated by Communists. I believe this comes largely from publications which are utterly irresponsible. My questions:

1. Do you have any policy in regard to "Red-Smea" publications? Or have you made public statements that could be available to me in regard to such publications? (As an example, I refer to a book by Edgar C. Bundy, Collectivism and the Churches, The Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois, 1960.)
2. Can you give me a list of Communist-Front Organizations which is approved by the FBI?
3. Mr. Bundy lists the following organizations as "Communist-Front" organizations which he says Dr. Ralph W. Sockman (one of our greatest Methodist ministers) has been associated with: The American Youth Congress; The Emergency Peace Mobilization; The Inter-Church Committee of the American Russian Institute; The Methodist Federation for Social Action; The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship; World Youth Conference. Are these organizations recognized as Communist-Front organizations?
4. Mr. Bundy lists many, many men of prominence in the church as Communists or communist-sympathizers. Is there any way that I can get the truth concerning these men?

I feel that such smearing of great personalities is counter to every principle of our country and of Christianity. Yet what can one do? If you can help me in any way, I will be deeply grateful.

[Redacted signature area]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Reverend Harold L. Webb, *Harold Webb*
Tacoma Bible Presbyterian Church
Division Avenue and South G Street
Tacoma 3, Washington

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Dear Mr. Webb:

Your letter was received on September 11, 1962, and I want to thank you sincerely for your kind message concerning the work being done by the FBI. The best wishes you extended personally to me are also deeply appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, neither I nor this Bureau has made any statement regarding the Bible Presbyterian Church since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for distribution by this Bureau on the general subject of communism. We have always followed the policy of not commenting concerning publications not prepared by us. With reference to the magazine article you mentioned, we were not consulted on the content of this article and did not assist in its preparation. The quotations attributed to FBI officials contained in it, however, were taken from remarks previously made by them on other occasions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover

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Reverend Harold L. Webb

Enclosures (5)

Guidelines for a Civilization in Peril

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4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

7-15-62 "Statement on Communism"

The Communist Menace - Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE:

[redacted] the Charles Mattson kidnapping case in 1938. [redacted] was affiliated at that time with the Independent Bible Church in Tacoma, Washington. Nothing derogatory concerning correspondent, and no other references on him located in Bufiles. (7-1820-19383)

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Tacoma Bible Presbyterian Church

DIVISION AVENUE AND SOUTH G STREET TACOMA 3, WASHINGTON
TELEPHONE: MARKET 7-4814
REV. HAROLD L. WEBB, PASTOR

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Evans _____
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have recently received a letter from a member of our church who lives in a distant city. The letter indicates that she believes that the Bible Presbyterian Church has been rated as "Pro-Communist" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This was her conclusion from reading an article by Mr. Louis Cassels entitled, "The Rightest Crisis In Our Churches" which appeared in LOOK magazine on April 24, 1962.

I have written this lady to the effect that I believe her conclusion was incorrect. If possible, I would appreciate from you a statement whether you have ever said or implied that the Bible Presbyterian Church was "Pro-Communist," and if so, the basis for such a view. I, for one, certainly agree with the statements of both you and Mr. Sullivan as they appeared in the Cassels' article, but it appears that these statements have been used by this author in a way for which they were not intended.

May I take this opportunity to commend you for your efforts to keep America strong and alert by exposing the Communist conspiracy within our borders. May God grant you continued health and years of active service as the director of the F.B.I.

Respectfully yours,

Harold Webb

Harold Webb

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September 21, 1962

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[Redacted Address]

Opa Locka, Florida

Dear [Redacted Name]

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Your letter of September 16th has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind remarks concerning my statement on communism of July 15, 1962. In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of it, together with some other material I trust will be of interest to you.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, the matter you mentioned does not appear to come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. Should you possess or obtain information which you feel of interest to the FBI, I hope you will not hesitate to contact our office located at 3915 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami 52, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

- Statement on Communism 7-15-62
- Do You Really Understand Communism?
- Why Reds Make Friends with Businessmen
- Bulwarks of Liberty
- Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?
- RVA:bsw (3) [Redacted]

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [REDACTED] and our only previous correspondence with him is an outgoing dated 10-10-61 which thanked him for his kind remarks and enclosed reprint material, none of which is being duplicated at this time.

Two tracts published by the Book and Bible House were brought to the Bureau's attention in 1955. Both are anti-Catholic. One tract describes a book entitled "House of Death and Gate of Hell" written by Ex-Romanist Reverend L. J. King. This book describes the alleged brutalities committed against a woman who was in a Cincinnati convent. The tract describes King "as hated and cursed by Rome, author tried in Federal Court--to be deported in Canada and book put out by the United States mail. The Senate protected the author and book." Bufiles contain no references to Osterhus Publication House of Minneapolis.

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Opalocka, Fla.
 September 16, 1962

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director, F.B.I.
 Justice Department
 Washington, D.C.

Communist Infiltration into Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover;

After careful consideration I have decided to write to you and inform you of slanderous acts being made by a so called ~~Book and Bible House~~. The mailing address of this organization is Box 3598, University Station, Gainesville, Fla. Another mailing address is Box 428, Decatur, Ga. and the mail-order house they send their literature through is the ~~Osterhus Publishing House~~, 4500 W. Broadway, Minneapolis, 22 Minn.

During a time when our church should be protected and the laws of God obeyed this [redacted] can find nothing else to do but send slanderous literature against the Roman Catholic Church. Being a Roman Catholic and proud of the way we have kept the Communists from infiltrating our Church, I sincerely feel that the actions of this [redacted] should be looked into.

[redacted] of the Chinese Communist Party has developed a system for confusion and breaking the Catholic Church. One of the major points for the complete destruction of the church is the constant slander of the church as to cause distrust and shame of the parishoners. [redacted] is making an all out effort to do this deed for the Reds in this country.

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I understand that you cannot give any information to anyone but if there is any documented information that can be obtained on [redacted] or the Book and Bible House such as the Congressional Record etc. I would appreciate the help.

Before I foreget I wish to congratulate you on your excellent speech made on July 15, 1962 for N.B.C. and let you know I am in full agreement with you, The UN has to go.

Thankyou for your most valuable time and may God be with You.

Respectfully yours,

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SCRANTON 5, PENNA.
DIAMOND 2-5465

October 29, 1962



Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I am trying to locate the proper branch of our government whereby I can receive proper and authentic information pertaining directly to the position the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (Russia) takes in regards to Russian Orthodox Religion in the Soviet.

I am a Trustee on the board of the Sts. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church, 1820 Division Street, Scranton, Penna. I therefore feel it my duty to obtain all authentic information pertaining to my religion, and still feel that I am not jeopardizing my allegiance to my country.

I am with the understanding that   of the above address has sworn allegiance to the Patriarch Alexis of Moscow. This is a fact. I would therefore like to know what population in Russia follow this Russian Orthodox Religion, and what population in our United States follow this religion. If at all possible I would like to know how many parishes or churches in the United States are under the religious teachings of the Soviet Moscow Patriarch?

I have written to the Library of Congress, perhaps they can be of some assistance.

Thank You!



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November 6, 1962

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Scranton 5, Pennsylvania

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 29, 1962, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has no material which we can send you along the lines of your inquiry. It is suggested, however, that you may be able to secure from your public library a copy of the "Statistical Abstract of the United States," an annual publication of the United States Bureau of the Census. This book contains statistics which I believe will be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 12, 1963

[Redacted]

Pontiac, Michigan

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 4th has been received and I appreciate your interest in furnishing me your observations.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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No point would be served in commenting further on correspondent's statements.

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4 Feb. 1963

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Pontiac, Michigan

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
% Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, DC.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is with the upmost respect that I write this letter for your attention concerning an important fact which you should be aware of.

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Since you are well known as a great authority on communism, I feel there isn't much a person like myself could say; however, I feel you should be made aware of this important fact: Communism is not a religion; it is a conspiracy.

Communism is a satanic-fathered conspiracy which is being labled something it is not. The communist are as dedicated as religious peopleshouldbbe. But that is as far as they go.

If, by your own words, and that of others who hold sway over the rank and file lable communism as such, then we who hold the constitution in the highest reagrds will have our hands tied--since..."Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion".

May I respectfully suggest that any mention of communism and religion, or that communism resembles or is a religion be not made? It isn't and any remark might give the liberals and communists ammunition in which to intrench themselves more.

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February 15, 1963

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First Methodist Church
Post Office Box 175
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear [Redacted]

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FBI

Your letter of February 6th has been received and I appreciate the interest prompting you to write as you did.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret we are unable to help you but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

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The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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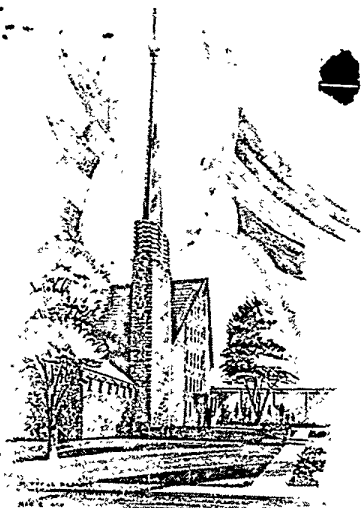
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Enclosures (5)
The Communist Party Line
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Christianity Today Series
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
Storming the Skies: Christianity Encounters Communism

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.



First Methodist Church

JACKSON STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 175
Alexandria, Louisiana

February 6, 1963

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OFFICE HI 2-5696
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RES. PHONE HI 3-4079
OFFICE HI 2-1074

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Justice Building
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Of Infiltration into Religion

Attention: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been a growing concern on the part of our more faithful Christian clergy and laity in regard to evidences of un-American activities within organized religious church groups across our nation. Particularly are we concerned in our area and state in securing documented proof and factual data as to the theories and practices of communism within our church institutions of higher learning, i.e., colleges and theological seminaries, and within organized ecumenical groups, e.g. the National Council of Churches of Christ, U. S. A.

I do not believe it is necessary for me to reiterate the importance and significance of what we are endeavoring to do here. If your office can provide particular information regarding The Methodist Church and its various boards and agencies as to evidence, if any, of un-American activities--it would be very much appreciated.

Your kind assistance and cooperation in this whole matter is deeply needed at the present time, and your counsel and suggestions are welcomed. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Baltimore, Maryland

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of February 24th and enclosure have been received.

The motives prompting your contacting this Bureau are appreciated, and the information you furnished is being made a matter of record.

Enclosed is material I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Enclosures (5)
- Do You Really Understand Communism?
- Deadly Duel
- Internal Security Statement, 4/17/62
- The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
- One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The numerous references on Canon L. John Collins were not reviewed for the purpose of acknowledging attached letter. A summary on Collins dated 4/11/58 identifies him as being, in 1952, Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, London and former Priest-in-Ordinary to His Late Majesty King George V. He was described as being a leading British churchman and well known for his anticommunist position. In October, 1951, this summary continues, information was received from the Department of State to the effect that Canon Collins was then Chairman of the Christian Action Movement in Great Britain; that in 1945 he protested the use of the atomic bomb in Japan and that he had long been active in various peace movements. (62-104057-54)
Mrs. Collins is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Baltimore, Md.
Feb. 24, 1963

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The FBI
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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I am inclosing a Sunday Night prompter used last evening at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Dr. Hewlitt Johnson, former Dean of Canterbury, confessed this spring that he had been a communist for 60 years. This speaker was quite deeply "soused" with the philosophy of the former Dean.

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It is my feeling that the FBI should know of the movements of this couple, since they were so open with their patronage of Krushev and Russia.

Sincerely yours.

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EMMANUEL PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CATHEDRAL AND READ STREETS
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

QUINQUAGESIMA
February 24, 1963

EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

Choral and Priere Jongen
Processional: Hymn 289 St. Anne
Opening Sentences - Book of Common Prayer . . Page 22
Psalm 33 Page 378
First Lesson: Isaiah 30:8-21
Magnificat - Anglican Chant . . Hymnal p. 651 or Page 26
Second Lesson: Matthew 6:30-48
Nunc Dimittis - Anglican Chant. Hymnal p. 670 or Page 28
The Apostles' Creed Page 29
Versicles Pages 30-31
Collects, Additional Prayers, and The Grace
Offertory Anthem: O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem. . .
Howells
Sermon Hymn 528 Hesperus
"Man And The Weapon" Canon L. John Collins
of St. Paul's Cathedral, London
Recessional: Hymn 523 Russia

Immediately after Canon Collins' closing prayer, the choir will recess. We will ask the congregation to remain in the pews and Canon and Mrs. Collins will be seated in the Chancel ready to answer any questions anyone in the congregation might have. Dr. Starratt and Mr. Hanna will direct the questions to Canon and Mrs. Collins from those sitting in the pews.

We hope that those present will be able to come up into the Great Hall after the question and answer period for an informal coffee hour where they will be able to greet their friends and our guests of honor.

The visit of Canon and Mrs. Collins is being sponsored by The Department of Christian Social Relations, The Diocese of Maryland and the Metropolitan Baltimore Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. The offering this evening will help to meet the expenses.

Baltimore, Md.
Feb. 24, 1963

The FBI
Washington, D.C.

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It is my feeling that the
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with their patronage of Khrushchev and Keesee.
Sincerely yours,

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March 11, 1963

EX-117



Bainbridge, Ohio

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FBI

Dear

Your letter postmarked March 5, 1963, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to correspondent. Bainbridge, according to the postal guide, is one word.

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Bain Bridge, Ohio
March 1963

Dear Sirs:

I belong to the Church of Christ here and have been preached to that the World Council of Churches & National Council of Churches are Communist tented.

Please I would like to have any information the FBI has on these organizations as some of our members are pretty much interested in this matter. Send literature to

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Bain Bridge Ohio

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Stewart

Bain Bridge, Ohio
March 1963

Dear Sirs:

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 22nd and appreciate the interest prompting you to communicate with me.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to answer your inquiries but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

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Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you. Perhaps you will also want to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which should be available at your local public library. These books will give you an added insight into the true nature of this atheistic philosophy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

The Communist Party Line

Christianity Today Series

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

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Dear Sirs

I have been a minister and a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for over thirty years. I understand that there some infiltration of communism in to many Churches. I would like to have some information as to what churches and the names of preachers who are known to lean toward communism. If I could not get the names, I would like to know the denominations and the number of preachers infiltrated therein, Please.

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I am now pastoring the Bible Missionary Church in Clovis, N.M.
Thanking you in advance

I am very truly yours in his Kingdom

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *Communist* DATE: May 7, 1963

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *Religion*

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has given to me a copy of a letter, which will be found enclosed with this memorandum. It is from William L. Patterson, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA.

It is evident from the letter by Patterson that the Party is seeking a united front with Catholics based on Pope John XXIII encyclical entitled "Peace on Earth."

advised me that he certainly doesn't intend to serve any of the purposes of the Communist Party nor will the National Catholic Welfare Conference. said he wanted to give this material to the FBI so Mr. Hoover would know that the Catholic Church has not changed its position one iota in its unqualified opposition to communism.

wanted to know whether he could assist the Bureau in any way by drawing out William L. Patterson or any other Communist Party official who may contact him to see what they are up to in detail. I told that at this point there was nothing that I could suggest. I thanked him for his offer to be of assistance.

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It is unfortunate that the Pope gave an audience to Archbishop & then in his encyclical used language which the Communist Party has seized upon to serve their purpose.

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
23 W. 26th St., New York 10, N. Y.

April 29, 1963

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[redacted] National Catholic Welfare Conference
1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.

Dear [redacted]

Again I write, impelled by the magnificent message Pope John XXIII uttered April 10th, by the obviously grave and increasing dangers inherent in racist terror, dangers which I fear are minimized despite the deluge of words describing them and by the emphasis you place on the weight of our ideological differences.

I fully respect those differences. In many places they are being given due recognition. But I do not believe that they can be given primacy in the face of practical political tasks so decisive to the future of our country and perhaps all mankind.

Our ideological differences it seems to me present no such immediate urgency. I feel that in this position I am supported by the history of the 2nd World War and the approaches to it.

Force and violence are being used daily to destroy the inalienable and constitutional rights of citizens. The assault has proceeded for a hundred years on a front which now covers the country. A Civil Rights Commission of the Federal government, without Communists participating declares that law and order have broken down in Mississippi. There is little distinction to be made between conditions in that state and race relations in several others. There are organized terrorists of the Klan, White Citizens Councils, American Nazis abroad. White men as well as black are murdered. Federal, State and local governments have found no effective answer to hand. Some men in power openly declared that they seek none and that the Status-quo is the American way-of-life.

These men lack a concept of change. Yet change is the basic characteristic of the world.

The Pope in a magnificent appeal "to all men of good will" has called for "peace on Earth". He has shown the relationship of peace to the issues noted above and to a myriad of others including housing, education and poverty.

Are these matters to be subordinated to ideological differences? You say that [redacted] noted this (the ideological differences) after his visit to the Vatican. He noted it before. That fact is indisputable. He went to see Pope John fully aware of the magnitude of the ideological differences. It was the complex of issues that engulf our society, the threat to peace and virulent racism that impelled him to take that historic step.

What is significant is that [redacted] went to see the Pope. What is vital it seems to me is the breadth of Pope John's approach to vital political and economic issues of our world.

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Must we resolve those ideological differences before we address ourselves unitedly to a solution of the inhuman practices of the racists who would destroy everything including the world in their inhuman lust and rapacity? I ask you. Is it better to be dead than to work without recriminations for peace and a human relationship consistent with the preaching of the Church simply because there are ideological differences?

The "confession" of sins that came out of the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race was a revelation. It was a courageous statement exposing the terrible menace of racism to our country and its power to corrode the principles of high minded people - even the clergy. The conclusion that those sins had largely contributed to making racialism the "nation's most serious crisis" was too soundly argued to be challenged. The fruits of these "sins" plague us today.

Yet not for a moment would I hesitate to say to those Americans: "Though you have failed for a hundred years to live up to your ideology and helped thereby to make me a man reviled and cursed in my own country and denied my heritage because of a color difference your appeal to the conscience of America finds in me a ready and positive response."

Our ideological differences were subordinated when the world was threatened by Hitler. Who can measure today's threat to the world?

The black ghetto that crushes soul and body is not of the making of those who think philosophically as I do. Americans are confronted with social issues that must and will be resolved in the interest of those who have been the victims. Their color did not create the issues. Those whose activities did bring these evils into being simply used color differences to gain support from backward elements.

What I ask, has this to do with the "ideological conflict between Marxism-Leninism and religion?" That difference in the realm of philosophical thought, as "total and absolute" as it maybe will only be resolved in a world from which these social issues are eliminated and in the struggle for their elimination.

Co-existence is a matter of national relations not of relations between social groupings within a nation. I could not co-exist with racists and since as I believe they threaten the nations security and the peace of the world can it not be said legitimately to the church: you will need all the aid possible to defeat those responsible for such conditions. Unity in struggle for the right is not organic unity.

Of course fears of such unity in action are rampant and not illogical. Those who continue their racist crimes cry hold, hold, no unity against us or you will be smeared. Even governments Federal and State, granting immunity to racists, cry out against fellow travelers and infiltrators. Yes they are "fellow-travelers" who belatedly come out against racism. Timing makes them so and it has helped create the danger.

We don't seek co-existence between any organizations here at home. The Vatican as a State and the Socialist States may attain that plane. I hope so for I sincerely believe it will ease world tensions and strengthen peace. Co-existence however falls I believe in the category of international affairs.

But I believe we must end racialism so destructive of all social decency. Believers and non-believers must make common cause against these evils or reflect their dehumanizing effect. We Americans have a responsibility before a world seeking peace to meet on that level without name calling.

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Our ideological differences will someday be resolved. It will come, it can only come I think in a world where color is no longer a measure of worth and man can no longer exploit his fellow man, with the consent of those in power.

The manifold national problems confronting us call I feel on struggle for the establishment of such a day. The Pope's Encyclical calls for that struggle in no uncertain terms and the call is "to all men of good will".

I think that to measure the scope of nature of these social issues through a philosophical prism can give us a distortion. Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama present all Americans of good will, believers and non-believers, with practical political, economic and cultural issues.

I do not know against what evils for a hundred years the Church has fought. I only know that a hundred years after Emancipation it calls for what can be made a "holy-crusade" against racialism "the most serious domestic evil" splendid.

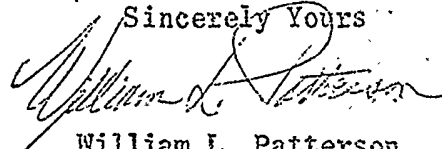
That you personally have been the victim of "smear attacks" I cannot deny. I have been to prison because I fought for my people, my country, the peace of the world and the freedom of mankind. But racialism must still be ended if any of these groups and institutions are to be saved.

I deeply appreciate your position. We live however in a world in process of amazing change. There are many questions that must be the subject of review. There is a "universal common good" that must be realized.

Perhaps my choice of the term "united front" is injudicious. I believe recognition must be given to the destructive character of anti-Communism when it is projected into struggles revolving around major political and economic issues. The issues get lost. Only the ideological differences emerge and as a barrier to the creation of a relation of forces capable of resolving the oppressive problems.

The defeat of racism calls for a militant crusade against racists. The Encyclical of Pope John XXIII points the way to the development of such a crusade and sets no barriers in the way of that alignment. At least I see it so.

Sincerely Yours



William L. Patterson

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"CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM: A FRANK APPRAISAL"

by

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For many years the American people have been unsuspectingly fed socialist propaganda and led to espouse socialist ideas by trusted leaders in government, in religion, in education, and in labor. As a result many thousands of our citizens are today consenting to various socialistic schemes without being conscious that they are socialistic. What's more, they are not aware that the same things would happen to the American economy and their liberties as has happened to the people of Great Britain, Russia and other countries where the socialist experiment has been tried to the hurt and detriment of the people, if socialism or communism took over in America. The sad thing is that many well intentioned church members have been led to believe by certain church leaders in the National Council of Churches that socialism represents the Christian ideal, the Kingdom of God, and if adopted would heal the ills of society. The teachings of these leaders, the Sunday School and other publications put out by the denominations involved have at times simply reeked with socialist ideas and attacks on capitalism and our free economy. We haven't the time at this moment to give the documentation but ample documentation is available, and much of it has been released by greatly disturbed members of the



Dr. W.O.H. Garman has written this excellent article for the WEEKLY CRUSADER which is an effective argument against the "social gospels", or religious groups that falsely contend that socialism is "pure Christianity." Dr. Garman is a former educator, denominational leader, youth leader, and has been featured in many Christian Crusade Seminars. He is also Chairman of the Greater Pittsburgh Christian Crusade Committee sponsoring the appearance of Dr. Hargis and General Walker there on March 16.

churches involved. By so doing these leaders and denominations have contributed very largely to the current social unrest and chaos in labor circles and are responsible for their church groups getting off on the dangerous tangent of socialist world revolution and, as such, have greatly aided the communist cause. The same charge could be made against many of our colleges and seminaries, the New Deal, Fair Deal and New Frontier, brand of politics and the "metoo-ism" of various left-wing Republicans.

We are all aware I am sure that there is a great struggle going on in the world between communism and the freedoms Christianity and the Bible have inspired and fostered. What many are not aware of is that this struggle is really one between socialist concept and Christian truth, between Christ and anti-Christ. Communism is the child of socialism. It is not generally understood that there is very little difference between the goal of communism and the goal of socialism. They are quite identical. The difference is largely one of method as to how the goal is to be reached. The communist is a realist who recognizes that the goal can't be arrived at without using violent means and believing that the end justifies any means is willing to lie, cheat, steal, kill, or commit any crime to gain that goal. The goal is a supposed classless, godless society, completely dominated, controlled, suppressed by the all powerful State. The socialist is more of a visionary and wants to arrive at the goal by the more peaceful and what appears to be more respectable means of education and legislation. But we must not forget that since the goal of both is quite identical, both systems are equally dangerous and present a real menace to our economy, our freedoms and our Christian faith. If anything, the Socialist is more dangerous because he is more subtle and often does not as openly declare his intentions as does the communist. But both are determined to bury us. Both are enemies of the Church of Christ and the American Republic, with its constitutional liberties and safeguards. Both are working to bring about a one-world absolutely dictatorial government, wherein we would lose our sovereignty, our freedom, our wealth, our faith, and be at the mercy of the world's most backward nations who predominate in the United Nations and the World

Court.

Socialism as we see it in operation and judging by the results where it has been tried is founded on the following false and dangerous premises:

- (a) That property rights are wrong and sinful.
- (b) That the rich are necessarily the oppressors of their fellows and became rich through the exploitation of the worker.
- (c) That all men should share equally in the rewards for service.
- (d) That the collectivist state is supreme.
- (e) That the individual is of little consequence.
- (f) That the material advantages of this present moment, the things dollars and cents will buy, are more to be desired than heavenly rewards.
- (g) That socialism is more Christian than private enterprise with its profit motive.
- (h) That the first Christians were socialists.

I shall attempt to refute much of this teaching in the message that follows, and by demonstrating that the teachings of socialism are at variance with the teachings of the Bible.

Suppose we dispose of the seventh point first, namely, the fallacious claim that the Christians of the first century were socialists.

I. The Christians of the First Century were not socialists.

A. Those who think that the first Christians were socialists base their contention primarily on an erroneous interpretation of Acts 4:32-37:

The King James Version of this text reads:

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all.

"Neither was there any among them that lacked, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought

the prices of the things that were sold.

"And laid them down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

"And Joses who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is being interpreted, the son of consolation) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus.

"Having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet!"

B. I am indebted to Dr. A. T. Robertson, who was perhaps America's most outstanding Greek authority, for a correct understanding of this text, and I pass the same on to you.

One weakness of the King James Version is the fact that it does not always accurately translate the tense of the original Greek. If this had been done in the instance of Acts 4: 32 - 37, people would hardly have been inclined to seize upon this text as a reason for declaring that the first Christians were socialists. A correct translation of this text, as Dr. Robertson points out, does not support this idea at all.

C. The correct interpretation of the text, Dr. Robertson tells us is as follows:

In verse 32, where it declared that "they had all things common", means that they had all things common in its use but not in its possession.

In verses 33, 34, 35, the tense is the Imperfect Active, recording a series of acts, which were repeated as often as the need arose. Two words should be supplied in the English translation to make the thought complete. Those two words as "kept on".

Verse 33 should read "the Apostles kept on witnessing of the resurrection."

In verse 34 we have literally, "Neither was there any among them that lacked for as many as were possessors of lands or houses kept on selling them (namely, as often as there was need) and brought from time to time the prices of the

things that were sold." (It was distinctly not a confiscation or once for all time mutual sharing of property, such as exists under socialism. This is borne out by the next verse.)

In verse 35 a literal rendering is "And kept on laying them down at the Apostle's feet and kept on distributing unto every man according as he had need.

In verses 36 - 37 we are told of a once for all time transaction, in the instance of Joses, and the tense is the Aorist. What he did was a single definite act. It was not the repeated selling of property as often as there was need as happened in the instance of all the others mentioned above. Joses was the only one mentioned who disposed of all his property at one time and turned the entire proceeds over to the Apostles to help the poor.

In view of what we have learned in our observations concerning the correct translation of the text we can declare:

(1) The first Christians were not socialists.

(2) The first Christians were not commanded by the Apostles to sell all their possessions and put the proceeds in a common treasury and share equally in the distribution of the same.

(3) They did what they did voluntarily and out of a spirit of Christian love in order to meet the critical needs of the times when so many Christians were well nigh destitute.

(4) There is no indication that we have the account here of a socialist experiment which was tried in the church and failed.

May we pass on now and deal with other errors of socialism.

II. Other serious faults of socialism which are so serious I believe as to make it anti-Christian.

A. Socialism is at variance with the Bible, concerning that which is most wrong with man and most responsible for his troubles.

Socialism teaches that what is most wrong with the common man is his environment. Improve that environment by equally distributing the wealth of the world and

according to the socialists we will eliminate the evils which affect society, such as war, crime, poverty and vice.

It is the old argument of putting a pig in the parlor in order to change the nature of the pig. The fallacy in such an argument is seen in the fact that the parlor doesn't change the nature of the pig. The pig very soon changes the parlor.

Our Lord taught that the evils which affect society come out of the human heart. Mark 7:21-23, reads:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thought, adulteries, fornications, murders,

"Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride foolishness:

"All these things come from within, and defile the man."

He and the Apostles taught that the way to deal with this problem is by being born again, regenerated within through the power of the Holy Spirit. In John 3:3 we read, "Except a man be born again (i.e. from above) he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

B. Socialism is at variance with Christianity in teaching that all men should be rewarded alike for their labors. The doctrine of socialism is given in the statement, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." According to the socialist ideal all men should be willing to work to the very best that is in them, which would mean that some would do much more work than others who are limited in their faculties and ability and yet all are to be content with sharing equally in the rewards for service.

It is a principle which simple doesn't work as is proven in places where it has been tried. The more talented, the more energetic person would soon grow tired of exerting himself to the fullest when the indolent and less able are rewarded equally with him. Socialism kills initiative, encourages the parasite, and results in less and inferior production. It demoralizes a nation. This has been particularly true of New Deal, Fair Deal, New Frontier handouts,

which are demoralizing and corrupting America.

The Bible in the Parable of the Talents and in the passages describing the rewards of believers contradicts the teaching of socialism by declaring that a man's rewards for his service is to be according to his works. All men are not to be rewarded alike. See Matthew 25:14-30.

C. Socialism is at variance with Christianity in refusing to recognize property rights, and in recommending the confiscation of property that belongs to others.

We saw such confiscation of American investments take place in Cuba when communist Castro, whom our own State Department and men like Herbert L. Matthews of the New York Times put in power, took over. Many millions of dollars worth of property was taken by force from its American owners. It was stolen. The shameful thing is that our Government did not protect American investments in Cuba.

Christianity recognizes the right of the individual to private property and protects a man's possessions by declaring to those who would confiscate the same, "thou shalt not steal."

In the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) their right to private property and the disposition of the same is seen in Acts 5:4. This is one of the most important verses in the Bible concerning property rights, and reads:

"Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" (namely, to dispose of as they saw fit.)

Ananias and Sapphira had not been commanded to dispose of all their property and give the money to the church. Jesus had done so of his own accord and perhaps gained considerable praise for having done so and they wished to imitate him. They were condemned not because they retained property but because they lied. Peter reminded them in the verse just mentioned that it was their own property and that the disposition of the same rested wholly in them. This is still true today. According

to the Bible no one has the right to steal our property including the Government which is doing so by confiscatory taxation. According to reports the Government owns over 40% of the land area of America.

D. Socialism is at variance with Christianity in putting the emphasis upon material things, and ignoring heavenly rewards.

Socialism is primarily concerned with meeting animal comforts, filling a man's stomach, putting a roof over his head, attempting to guarantee him temporal security, and causing him to settle down in the earth and be content.

Christianity to the contrary teaches that we are sojourners, pilgrims like Abraham, mere transients, and like Abraham, we should not settle down in the earth but seek a city whose builder and maker is God, eternal in the heavens.

Christianity teaches that we are to set our affections on things above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of the Father.

Christianity teaches that instead of living for the present moment we should live in anticipation of the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and so live that we would not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Christianity while guaranteeing that God will supply our every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus, reminds us that our inheritance and true abiding riches are in Christ and the glorious things that follow His coming for us.

E. Socialism in its extreme form is at variance with Christianity in attempting to bring its collectivist state to pass through force.

Repeatedly in the Bible woes are pronounced upon those who would build a city or an empire by blood and through oppression.

Christ Himself declared that they that take up the sword in conquest shall perish by the sword.

The fate and downfall of the communist aggressor is therefore assured. Communist tyranny will most certainly be brought to a violent end, when in the judgment of an Almighty Righteous and Just God, its cup of iniquity is full. It will go the way of all other forms of tyranny and oppression.

F. Socialism's greatest failure is seen in the child which it has produced and the unprecedented suffering it has caused. Communism is the child of socialism. Communism has cursed the earth, surpassing all other scourges which have preceded it.

This child of socialism has produced the worst form of tyranny and oppression the world has ever seen, and threatens to destroy all our liberties, our economy, our civilization, and would if it could, destroy the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, being Christianity's most bitter and relentless foe.

Christ said, "By their fruits ye shall know them". Judging by the fruits of socialism and its child, communism, I do not hesitate to say that it is one of the most diabolical systems which has ever come upon the earth, and our free institutions will not be safe until they are overthrown and proven to be false. Anti-Christian communism and its hordes of savages is Satan's tool in these perilous times, which he is using together with apostasy in the church, treason in the state, in an effort to not only destroy freedom but the true Christian witness, and to set the world stage for the manifestation of the Beast, the Anti-Christ, the world's last dictator whom Christ, the Scriptures tell us, will destroy at His second coming.

Conclusion

My concluding word has to do with the Christian attitude in regard to the advance of socialist concept.

The Christian cannot participate in, nor sanction the confiscation of industry. According to the teachings of the Bible, the industries belong to the ones who erected them, or to the stockholders who financed the same. To confiscate such industries would be stealing, an act clearly forbidden and one in which Christians can have no part. And incidentally, if socialists do

confiscate our industries, utilities, railroads, natural resources, etc., they can expect no good result to follow such a theft for God will not hold them guiltless. No lasting permanent good can come therefrom.

I also question whether Christians can participate in questionable government hand-outs, without involving themselves in a dishonest act. I refer to receiving payments for not raising crops, payments for raising crops for which there is no need, payments for promising not to raise crops on land that could not raise crops, payments for draining swamps and wet land and putting it into cultivation when it is not needed, etc. In order to make such payments the government must rob other taxpayers. The whole thing is dishonest, discriminatory, and demoralizing.

The same thing can be said of relief payments to women who continue to bear one illegitimate child after another. By making these payments the Government is encouraging such immoral conditions.

We know why all these things are being done by a paternalistic socialistic minded government, which wants to usurp the place of God and take care of us from the cradle to the grave, and that is because those responsible wish to keep themselves in power, by our votes, and control our economy, and way of life. They want to make us their slaves.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has a special word for His people in all this, and it is, "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you," for every need shall be supplied according to His riches in glory and not by the dishonest, covetous, confiscatory methods of socialism, or the more violent methods of its child, communism.

Since many social gospel preachers have either repudiated the true gospel of the vicarious atoning work of Christ, or, are unaware of what constitutes the true gospel we cite a few passages below which define the true gospel:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand.

"By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

"And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures;" (I Cor. 15:1-4)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

THIS IS THE GOSPEL! WALK YE IN IT!

THIS WEEK'S GUEST EDITORIAL

BACKGROUND ON HANDLING OF CUBAN ISSUE

by
Holmes Alexander

One lucky cameraman in our group which recently visited Guantanamo Bay Naval Base snapped a picture worth a million words, although we did not know the meaning of it at that time.

Leaning from a Navy patrol plane off the Cuban coast, Al Dempsey of NBC got a shot of a sizable Russian merchant ship, a huge red hammer-and-sickle banner flying from its stern, making for port with two U.S. destroyers and a radar vessel gliding alongside.

The American ships and plane, of course, were part of the White House policy to check on everything which goes in and out of Cuba.

BUT YOUR REPORTER now has reason to believe that we are giving close escort to

Russian ships for a different purpose - protection of the Soviet merchantmen against attacks by the Cuban exile group known as Alpha 66.

THIS IS STRANGE business on our part. Recently, State Department declared in answer to a British query that the U.S. Navy would take no responsibility for the safety of British shipping in Cuban waters. Britain and other American allies take the risk of Alpha 66 sea raids, as do ships belonging to the Castro regime, and our Navy will look the other way. But big, bad Russia comes to Cuba for the purpose of re-enforcing its satellite government there - and tacitly comes under the protective umbrella of our mighty air and sea forces.

IN A VALUABLE INTERVIEW with a White House adviser, I raised the question of why we should, in effect, sick Alpha 66 upon the British but not on the Russians.

The answer was frank - the Administration doesn't want to start a war: nor take any action which might cause somebody else to start a war.

Britain, Norway, Greece and the other trader allies can lose ships in the Caribbean and won't raise the mailed fist against us. But if a Soviet vessel goes down, who knows?

Will Khrushchev dispatch an angry note and denounce us as the guardian of Free Cuba pirates? If he does not more than that, so be it.

But what if he lunges at West Berlin, or sends his MIG's and submarines to escort his merchantmen, or takes reprisals on American shipping in the Eastern Mediterranean, or pushes the button for a nuclear attack? What then?

The Administration takes a Woodrow Wilson position of watchful waiting on these dread eventualities. Meanwhile, bar-

ring unauthorized trigger happiness by Free Cubans, the Russian enemy has a sanctuary in the Caribbean, whereas the erring American allies take their own chances.

SUCH IS THE MAZE of this deadly little corner of the cold war. In our bewilderment, we American people are apt to blame the President more often than to stand in honest awe before the intricacies of the problems. But I do not think it unkind or inappropriate to observe that the problems have worsened while the President has hesitated.

THIS NEST of scorpions has fed and fattened upon indecision and half-measures. It has become a breeding place where whole new generations of serpents have been born because of, and during his time of inaction.

WE HAVE NOT recognized a Free Cuban government.

We have not laid a full-fledged blockade on Red Cuba.

The Administration did not crack down on the trader allies until the Labor leader, Joseph Curran, instituted unilateral refusal to load Cuban-bound vessels, and until newspapers and Congressional committees exposed the Soviet traffic into the Red satellite of the Caribbean.

When I have asked Administration insiders why the delay, the answer has been "Well, we can't move any faster than our allies are willing to go." It is an answer that carries its own commentary on American leadership.

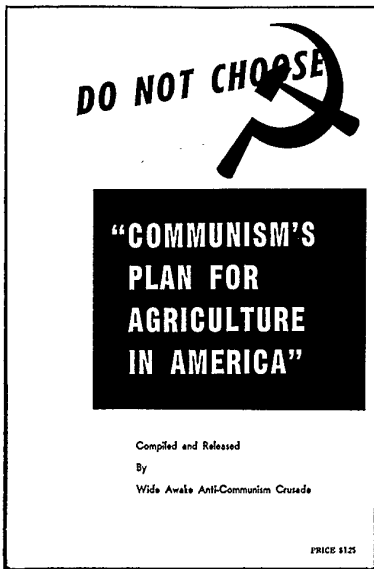
BY FAR THE WORST commentary to be drawn from all these events is that our policy is not controlled by ourselves, but by Russians or, worse yet, by Fate.

Russian reaction will determine what we do next about Cuba - or Fate, in the guise of some unforeseen and unpredictable development, will determine.

CORRECTION

The Weekly Crusader, Vol. 3, No. 13, February 15, 1963, page four, column one, next to last paragraph, second sentence stated: "The real exploitation of the working man has been by the vast majority of employers." This was due to a line being erroneously dropped in preparing the type. The corrected sentence should read: "The real exploitation of the working man has been by the communist conspirators and socialistic-minded labor bosses rather than by the vast majority of employers." We sincerely regret this inadvertent omission of this key thought of this sentence.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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April 30, 1963.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The church to which I belong is Union
Congregational Church, of Richmond Hill, New York.

At this time we are engaged in a study of the merger with
the E. and R. Church into the United Church of Christ. As
some of us get further into the matter the names of men with
known Communist affiliations appear very frequently in the
high councils of the U. C. C..

If there is any information which is available to our
study group along these lines we would be most grateful
to have it.

Very sincerely,

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Your letter of May 17th has been received, and I can appreciate the concern prompting you to communicate with me.

I am unable to answer all of your inquiries since information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. However, the Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Their efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

these achievements

Despite ~~the above~~, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find to be of interest. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. These books may be available at your local library.

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (4)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It!
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
An American's Challenge

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

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May 17, 1963

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Attention Mr J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Sir,

Communism And Religion

I am having a difficult time and believe you could be of great help to me. I have several very sincere members of my church who a certainly most pro-american. They have read the book written by Edgar Bundy, "Collectivism in The Churches" or something close to that. They have also read a recent publication titled, "Certain Activities and Affiliations of 181 Lutheran Clergymen, written by J. B. Matthews. This publication names several ministers with whom I am personally acquainted and from all that I know love their lord, their church and their country. We ministers are often easy touches for some ~~some~~ some cause to help someone and they have foolishly signed appeals for this or that.

I recall your having made a statement published in "Christianity Today" that there were actually very very few clergymen who had been communist and that the church was one of the greatest deterrents in the fight against this enemy.

I would very much appreciate knowing the facts myself. Would you still say the church ~~one~~ of the deterrents? At this point have there been many communists in the churches? Would you know of any church groups or officials who are red, dupes or fellow travelers? The implication of many publications are I believe developing an anti-clericalism. I do not fear this for myself but I do for the cause of Christ and His church and also its influence to keep the ideals and morals of our country at a high level. I appreciate any help you can give me.

Sincerely

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In these critical days the words "Communist", "Socialist", "Right-wing extremists", "lefts", etc. have been used indiscriminately and oftentimes simply mean -- "I'm against these people, organizations, or ideas."

Recently it came to my attention that a little book, SUBVERSIVE INFLUENCES IN METHODISM, by Dalton J. Woods and a Panel of Laymen of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana has had some circulation in my congregation.

This book is leveled at

- (1) The NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
- (2) METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE,
- (3) THE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS, The Methodist Church,
- (4) The CONCERN MAGAZINE, magazine of the BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS,
- (5) INTEGRATION (in general and specific terms).

I think it took the authors ten chapters to arrive at their pet peeve (#5 listed directly above).

I realize that some of this kind of literature (Subversive Influences in Methodism), is circulated, and variations of this theme have been circulated for several years, and my letter is in no way to be considered as casting disbursements upon these named organizations or persons. I personally believe in the integrity of my church. I would, however, like to get a personal commitment from you.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY SUBVERSIVE INFLUENCES OR ALLIANCES IN:

- (1) THE METHODIST CHURCH,
- (2) NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
- (3) CONCERN MAGAZINE,
- (4) GENERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS
- (5) (Contributing Editors of above magazine) A. Dudley Ward, Roger Burgess, Charles F. Boxx, John L. Bryan, Emogene Dunlap, Caradine R. Hooton, Robert Regan, Emerson Smith, Carl Soule, Daniel E. Taylor, Herman Will.

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I would like to use your answers to combat accusations in this literature (Subversive Influences in Methodism) in my local church.

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I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours

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North Augusta, South Carolina 29841

Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of July 15th and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

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There can be no doubt, of course, that the communists' aim is to penetrate and control all mass-type organizations of our society, including our churches. Their efforts in this regard have been thwarted by our internal security program; the investigation, arrest and prosecution of a number of Communist Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. This opposition has been accomplished in an orderly, constitutional fashion, and this is something of which every American should be proud. Certainly, it is hoped that our efforts in this respect may continue in a calm and rational manner.

Regrettably, numerous charges have been made concerning the extent and success of communist influence among our Nation's religious leaders and institutions. Actually, the Communist Party, USA, has had no appreciable success in influencing, controlling or dominating America's clergymen or religious organizations. These facts, based on our investigative results in the internal security field, have been the basis of the FBI's stand on this subject when it arises.

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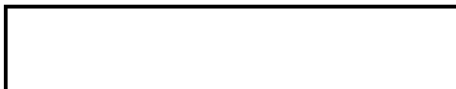
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Dear Sir:

The condition of communism invading our Methodist Church has long distressed me & many other members here at Grace Meth. in North Augusta.


However, the credibility is impossible for friends & relatives to grasp. I have read much on this & am convinced of it's existance.

- 1-your article 1949 Redbook magazine
- 2-Christianity or Communism? (Bundy)
- 3-Operation Whitewash McIntyre
- 4-The Communists are after your church (Philbrick)
- 5-Christian Crusade material
- 6-Has the Meth. Church gone mad? McGregor
- 7- Shreveport Louisiana Report on Laymen Committee findings
- 8-Why the Meth. Church has gone modern by C. Benton Eavey
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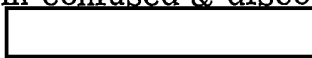
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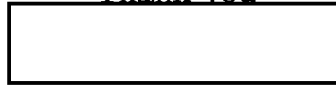
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Communist into Religion

Dear Sirs

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FBI

Gilford, New Hampshire

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of July 28th, and I am always glad to hear from those citizens who are interested in the welfare of our Nation.

With respect to your inquiry concerning religious doctrine, it is my position, as head of a Federal investigative agency, that the individual should make this determination for himself. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am unable to comment along these lines.

With regard to the tract you mentioned, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this publication.

In response to your question on the subject of communism and religion, in my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that the Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation and arrest of Party functionaries and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These investigations are being accomplished through orderly and legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to operate against the welfare of our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence.

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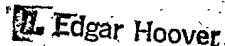
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At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Enclosed is literature, some of which contains suggestions as to how citizens can defend our democratic way of life against the false doctrine of communism. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my book, "A Study of Communism." It is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. Both of my books mentioned above may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

 J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

4-1-61 Introduction to the LEB
An American's Challenge
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
The Current Communist Threat

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. "Life Messengers" has not been investigated by the Bureau.

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[Redacted]

Gilford, New Hampshire
July 28, 1963.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

⁰ RELIGION

I am personally concerned over the spiritual and moral decline of our nation. I am reconsecrating and rededicating my life to more active service to impede these malignancies in our society.

There is, however, an equal concern in my heart at this time. My family have become associated with the Assembly of God church in Laconia, N. H. This church is preaching a doctrine of religious intoleration. That is, no man can really know God outside of their particular approach. Do you agree with this? If not, do you agree that this type of doctrine tends to split the church in to even further and in so doing, aids and abets Communism? Secondly, this church gives out tracts advocating disunity rather than unity as far as a world church is concerned. This particular tract printed by "Life Messengers", California made me somewhat suspicious as to their real intent.

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Sir, do you have information concerning the progress of Communism within the church and could some of these tracts be printed by Communist front organizations?

Thank you so much, sir.

/s/ REC-11

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Gilford, New Hampshire
July 28, 1963.

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Thank you so much, sir.



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EX 104

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100-403529-435

August 15, 1963

International Eural Dress Company
3944 South Third Street
Louisville 14, Kentucky

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DATE 2/3/01 BY 3105/BA/DAK

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Dear [redacted]

I have read your letter of August 9th, with enclosures, to Special Agent Fred J. Baumgardner.

Although we would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Also, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret we are unable to help you but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for these policies.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you. The material you forwarded with your communication is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Correspondent's enclosures
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights
Communist Party Line
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
4-17-62 International Security Statement
1 - SA Fred J. Baumgardner

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. SA Fred J. Baumgardner of the Domestic Intelligence Division has advised that he is not well acquainted with correspondent. The material correspondent enclosed is being returned to him with this communication, It pertained to activities of his church and the 4th General Synod of the United Church of Christ held in Denver, Colorado, in July. Correspondent appears particularly concerned over the church's support of the integration movement even to supporting demonstrations which are illegal under the law. One clipping consisted of the column of [REDACTED] from the 7-23-63 Indianapolis Star which quotes some of the Director's appropriation testimony indicating that the Negro race is a prime target of communist subversion. This column has previously come to our attention.

International Burial Dress Co.

LOUISVILLE 14, KY.

August 9, 1963

Special Agent F. J. Baumgardner
F. B. I. Headquarters
Department of Justice Building
Washington 25, D. C.

*Communist Infiltration
into Religion*

Dear Fred:

The purpose of this letter is in regard to the relationship of integration and Communism. For many weeks I have pondered and hesitated to write you.

As a quick reminder to you, I was raised in the south end, and buddied with [redacted] back in the days you were playing the saxophone. Also, I did have the pleasure some time back of chatting with you a few brief moments at South Park.

I am on the Church Council of St. James United Church of Christ, 3535 Taylor Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky. [redacted] is our pastor. The United Church of Christ is the result of a recent merger of the Evangelical & Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Church.

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In the past few months I have read many articles that cause me to wonder about the true purposes of the people quoted in these articles. There are some doubts in my mind whether these people are sincerely interested in integration as perhaps "over zealous Christians", or, if the Communist element is involved.

Most church members do not keep abreast of events; they rely upon the recommendations of their Council, Elders or Deacons. Being a Council member I feel it is my obligation to see that our congregation does not support any action that would be detrimental to our country, or our form of government.

The enclosed articles are some of the things that disturb me; particularly those referring to supporting civil disobedience and promoting racial strife.

Do you have any information you are at liberty to release to me about our denomination, any of the people mentioned in these articles, or, any other facts I would be able to present to the Council for guidance?

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Our next meeting is September 4, 1963. If you have any information that should be brought before them, it would be good if you could come.

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International Burial Cross Co.

LOUISVILLE 14, KY.

Please ignore the marks I made on these articles, as they were made for my own reference.

If convenient, I would like to have these articles back. Should you desire to keep them please feel free to do so.

In the event you send me a reply, either to the above address or my residence [redacted] kindly have the word "Personal" on your envelope.

Perhaps I am wrong in my thinking and completely off base, but I discussed this quite thoroughly with [redacted] and he felt I should contact you.

Trusting this letter will be one of benefit to you rather than that of a nuisance, I remain

Cordially yours.

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August 16, 1963

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Spring Baptist Church
Post Office Box 128
Spring, Texas

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 12th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI does not have material available for distribution regarding the particular topic you mentioned. However, enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Perhaps you will also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which will give you an insight into the true nature of communist activities. Copies may be available at your local public library.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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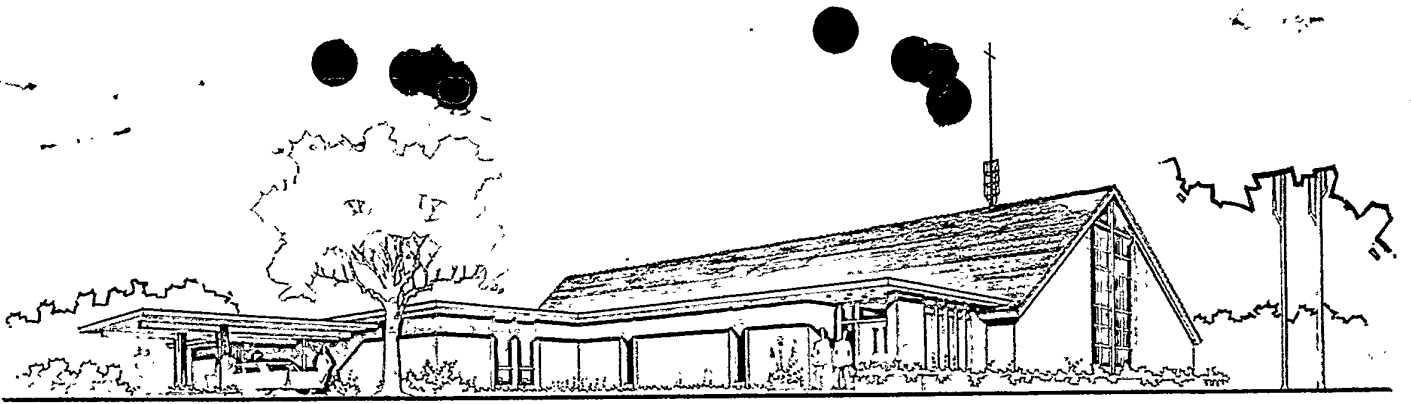
Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God - Our Answer To Communism"
The Communist Party Line
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH

POST OFFICE BOX 128

SPRING, TEXAS

PHONE: SK 7-3217

Communist Infiltration into Religion

Dear Sir:

I realize that you are a very busy man, but I have a special request to ask of you if you can possibly help me.

I would like to have some information on what devices that Communist are using to combat the missionary activities from the Churches of the U.S. I will be very grateful if you can supply me with such information, or inform me as to where it could be obtained.

Thank you very much for your time.

A dedicated American and a believer in freedom.



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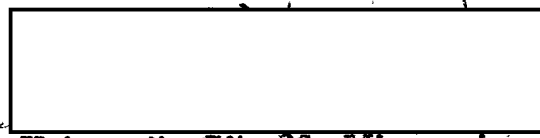
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University City 30, Missouri

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Dear

Your letter of August 7th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice this Bureau's files must be maintained as confidential and are available for official use only. For this reason, I am unable to comment concerning the individuals and organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. For the purpose of this letter, indices were not checked on the individuals mentioned.

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University City -30, Missouri
August 7, 1963

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation,
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 2/3/01 BY 3906 SKD/RA/L

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please advise me whether or not there are Communists in the organization ~~United Church of Christ~~, whose headquarters is 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The reason I ask this is because they are issuing new curriculum which indicates this. ^(in my dept)
The authors are: [Redacted] Richmond, Calif; [Redacted] [Redacted] professor of New Testament at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri; [Redacted] [Redacted] New Britain, Connecticut, where [Redacted] is [Redacted] of graduate study at Central Connecticut State College & [Redacted] [Redacted] teaches in the evening college classes [Redacted] [Redacted] of Spring City, Pennsylvania, graduated from State Teacher's College at Kutztown, Pa. and part owner of Twin Acres Country Day School in Trappe, Pa.; [Redacted] received training at Chicago Theological Seminary, a member of the staff at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tennessee; [Redacted] [Redacted] professor of applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary, New York City; [Redacted] of First Congregational Church, Oak Park, Illinois. There are a number of others which I would be glad to furnish. Also, four artists, namely: [Redacted] Newtonville, Mass.;

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Thanking you kindly for your attention to this matter, I am

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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LOUISVILLE 14, KY.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 F. B. I. Headquarters
 Department of Justice Building
 Washington 25, D. C.

Comm. into Religion
Baumgardner

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your prompt reply to my recent letter to Special Agent F. J. Baumgardner.

The enclosures were greatly appreciated. They answered many of my questions, and provided me with more light.

Please express my thanks to Fred.

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Sincerely,

3944 S. 3rd St
Louisville, Ky

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B. L. Schrader, Inc.

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WHOLESALE LUMBER

BOX No. 9

September 13, 1963

MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON

~~Lutheran Church of America Foundation
231 Madison Ave.
New York 10, N. Y.~~

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Dear Sir:

Please refer to your article of September 11th issue of "The Lutheran" entitled "Something Happened to the Negro."

To say the least, this pitiful article reflects the success of Communist infiltration in our Churches and Schools by Communists and fellow travelers. The only word used the reference of Dr. King's reference to the Negro as the hitherto inferior victim of injustice and exploitation by our capitalistic imperialist type of government to clearly recognize his trend of thought. Moreover the article represented and supposedly edited by your magazine places your stamp of approval upon such thinking.

If our government is to survive worldwide Communism there is immediate necessity for such groups as Churches, School Administrators, Newspapers, Magazine Publishers and those who influence large groups of people to carefully review articles and speeches to be spoken with some eye to Patriotism. Your article, it seems to me, might well be a page of Fidel Castro's appeal to the American Negro to rebel against the U.S. Government.

The merits of segregation can certainly bear discussion. However to "Rubber Stamp" the Negro's struggle as just and the white approach to the subject as wrong cannot be considered intelligent. There are many who believe that the colored man along with his Japanese, Chinese neighbors and many other minority groups have been treated pretty well in proportion to their character and ability to assume the responsibilities of our civilization.

This writer believes that your approval of this article goes a long way toward influencing its readers against a much needed careful approach to this problem. Martin Luther King does not display love, patriotism, and integrity, a prerequisite for the leader of colored people seeking better treatment under a fine democratic form of government.

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I would appreciate your taking a stand in this matter, SEP 23 1963, so that we may clearly know your position.

Thanking you I remain,

[Redacted Signature]

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island, Washington
c/o P. O. Box 1, Washington, D. C.

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REC-64

100-403529-440 September 20, 1963

[Redacted]
First Methodist Church
Second Street and Leflore Avenue
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Dear [Redacted]

R. W. [Signature]

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I received the telegram of September 18th from you and your colleagues asking me to make a public appearance in your area at the earliest convenience.

Although I wish I could comply with your request, the pressure of official business will not permit me to come to Mississippi in the foreseeable future. I regret it is not possible to give you a favorable reply but trust you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

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NOTE: [Redacted] is on the mailing list to receive the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin. The other individuals named as sending this telegram cannot be identified in Bufiles.

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Johnson - JNM

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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METHODIST CHURCH AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS ATTACKED HERE AS COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS BY [Redacted] WHO UPHELD BIRCH SOCIETY.

UNDERSTAND PHILBRICK INVITED SPEAK SOON. NEED YOU HERE FOR PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE REC-64 25 SEP 23 1963

CLAUDE JOHNSON [Redacted] METHODIST CHURCH, [Redacted] PASTOR FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, [Redacted]

JR., PASTOR ST PAUL METHODIST CHURCH, [Redacted] SUPT., CLEVELAND DISTRICT METHODIST CHURCH

(14). CC: Mr. DeLoach

MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Let to [Redacted]
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October 1, 1963

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~~Hampton Baptist Church~~
~~Hampton, South Carolina~~

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DATE 2/21/01 BY 31063E1W/SAR/LR

Dear [Redacted]

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FBI
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I have received your letter dated September 25, 1963.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiries, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Also, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to answer your questions but trust you will understand my position.

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Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you. Perhaps you will also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which will give you an insight into communist activities, methods and objectives. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

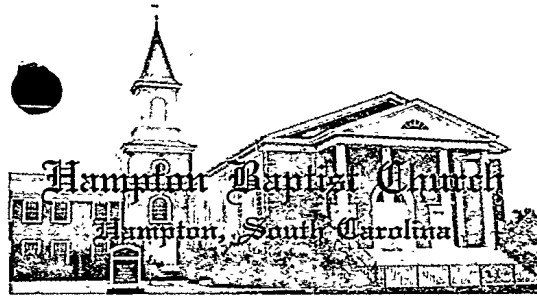
Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

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The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: Although correspondent states he previously received "from your Department reprints of a number of articles" no information identifiable with him was located in Bufiles.



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September 25, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I write as one who is greatly concerned and disturbed, as many are, by the numerous and often conflicting reports of Communist infiltration and activities among the Protestant clergy.

Specifically, I am concerned by the statements that: (1) '7,000 Protestant ministers are Communists.' (2) That the World and National Council of Churches is dominated by Communists. (3) That the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was translated by some men who were Communists or Communist sympathizers.

These and other continued allegations of Communist infiltration into the churches is having the effect of inducing disillusionment in the churches, and in such vitally Christian concerns as missions endeavors. Such reactionism it seems to me is undermining much that has been, for many decades, by its very nature a powerful foe of Communism.

Some months ago I received from your Department reprints of a number of articles and addresses made by you which have been helpful in answering some of these questions. However, if it would be at all possible I would like very much to have more specific information, if such is available to the general public.

If these allegations are true, I wish to know it from a source—your Department—which I feel is completely trustworthy. If the allegations are not true, or are not accurate, then I am especially concerned to have such facts which might set in proper focus such misinformation.

With this in mind, could your Department send me, for reference to specific information concerning:

- (1) the charge—first made, I believe, in 1953 in the American Mercury magazine, and then repeated in the Air Force Manual, that "7,000 Protestant clergymen are Communists." I believe an F.B.I. investigation at the request of Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia of this charge. Are the results of it available? Has the picture changed—one way or another, in your opinion—since 1953?

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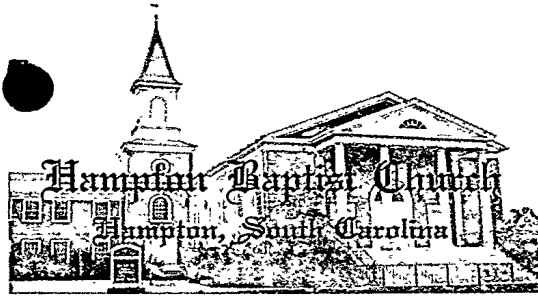
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Mr. Hoover.....page 2

- (2) Has there been an investigation, or information relative to the alleged Communist-slanted activities of the translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which came out in 1952?
- (3) Have any of the clergy (or laymen) in the leadership of the National Council (or World Council) of Churches been known affiliates of Communist Front organizations?
- (4) Has any Protestant clergyman ever been indicted for Communist activities in the United States?

I realize the tremendous demands upon your time will not allow a personal reply. However, if you could refer my inquiry to someone in your Department who could give me such information as might be available on these questions I would be very grateful.

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Very sincerely,

Hampton Baptist Church
Hampton, S. C.

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October 22, 1963

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Bellflower, California

Dear [Redacted]

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The letter of October 13th from you and your husband has been received.

The statement set forth in your communication does not quote Assistant Director William C. Sullivan accurately. He has made numerous lectures throughout the country and has consistently urged our citizens to study about communism so they will understand this evil philosophy and will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, Mr. Sullivan has warned against rumormongering and irresponsible attacks on individuals or groups merely because their views differ from the majority. Representatives of the FBI have continuously recommended that public spirited citizens oppose communism, emphasizing that the fight against communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law.

OCT 23 1963

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Faith in God - Our Answer to Communism
April 1961 LEB Introduction
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

The Communist Party Line

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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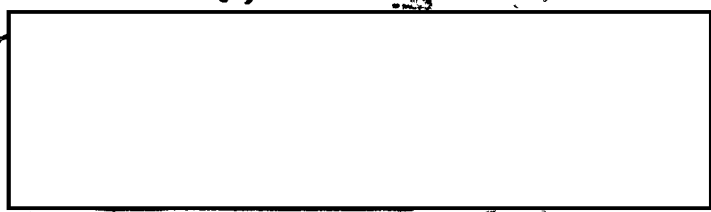
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Dear Sir, INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

This morning at our worship service (Community Presbyterian Church, Bellflower, Calif.) the interim minister Reverend [redacted] quoted from a pamphlet called "Communism and The Church" in which an associate of yours named Sullivan is quoted as having made a statement to the effect that to attack communist infiltration in our churches was aiding the communist cause. This was the only statement the minister quoted from this pamphlet and we were not able to acquire a copy. The theme of the sermon seemed to be that as Christians should pray, and have such faith that we need to do very little where communism is concerned.

We believe that the evidence is increasing that the Presbyterian church is and has been infiltrated, a very small percentage (thank God), nevertheless an active group and a drain on the church. Does not such a statement by Mr. Sullivan aid the communist party in their objective to infiltrate and use the churches?

Sincerely,



BELFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

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Jefferson Methodist Church
131 East Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio

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Dear [redacted]

I have read your letter of October 31st.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Enclosed is literature, some of which includes suggestions all of us can use in fighting this evil conspiracy. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help its readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities. The latter is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. These books may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!

Do You Really Understand Communism?

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

[REDACTED] is a former SA who EOD 10/20/47 and resigned.

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Jefferson Methodist Church

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October 31, 1963

The Honorable Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Some members of my Congregation are creating some small disturbance and dissension by making accusations to the effect that the United Nations is a tool of Communism, that the National Council of Churches is controlled by Communists, that the Clergy are infiltrated with Communists, or are the unwitting dupes and fronts for Communist activities on a large scale, that the Methodist Church and Methodist Literature are particularly so afflicted, and that many of our national leaders, from Presidents to yourself, have been thus associated or duped. Much of this material seems to stem from Mr. Carl McIntyre. U.S.

If you would care to comment upon any of the above I would deeply appreciate it.

If my name disturbs your memory it is because [redacted] was associated with you, very happily, for some time.

Respectfully

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Kalispell, Montana

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 7th has been received.

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan and other representatives of the FBI have spoken extensively throughout the country on the topic of communism. Their presentations are factual and objective. Mr. Sullivan has not made the statement you attributed to him in your communication.

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I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech at the Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, on October 19, 1961. You may be particularly interested in his remarks on pages 18 and 19. Also enclosed is other literature I hope will be of interest to you.

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NOV 14 1963

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Communism and Religion in the United States
4/1/61 Introduction to the LEB
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism

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NOTE: This correspondent wrote in November, 1962, and enclosed fifty cents for a copy of "Communist Target--Youth." She was sent literature, her money was returned and she was advised that the publication she requested was no longer available since our supply was depleted.

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[Redacted]
 Kalispell, Montana
 November 7, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

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 DATE 2/13/01 BY 29063 EFW/AC

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I should like to state at the outset that I have complete faith and the deepest respect and admiration for you and your department but there is one matter that has puzzled me for a long time. Will you clarify it?

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It seems your Mr. Sullivan who, many say, will succeed you if you should ever die, a year or two ago made a speech somewhere in the southern states before a group of ministers in which he stated that Communism had not infiltrated the clergy.

I am a Methodist and that portion of Mr. Sullivan's talk has been printed and reprinted over and over in Methodist literature, especially in the church school materials. Even our [Redacted] referred to it in the Montana Supplement which is inserted in the magazine Together printed in Nashville and distributed to all Methodist families. On top of that our local associate pastor glories in reading that to us.

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How can that be a true picture when Dr. Harry Ward who held the chair of Christian Ethics at Union, is an admitted Marxist, when the Red Dean of Canterbury had a trip here sponsored by an outright Communist Front, when that dreadful Rev. Claude Williams did so much Communist work in Arkansas and Detroit, when Earl Browder himself in an address at Union Seminary flatly stated the Communists have preachers in many churches - that's just a few of the many instances.

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It would surely help a lot if Mr. Sullivan could make another speech and tell how deeply infected with Communism the clergy really is. Please send him out with some strong facts along that line to the National Council of Churches' assemblies whenever and wherever they assemble. Also I wish that hot bed of Methodist leftism at Nashville could have a good jolt.

It is appalling what our ministers preach to us these days, and the far, far left indoctrination program of the Methodist Adult Student and other publications. I fear we are sliding back into the Dark Ages again.

Sincerely,



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Anderson, South Carolina

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of December 17, 1963, has been received.

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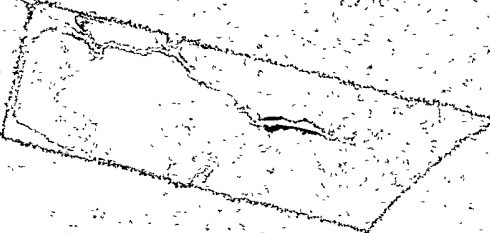
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- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
- 4/61 LEB Introduction re Communism
- 4/17/62 Internal Security Statement

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Anderson, S. C.
December 17, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like for you to send me any information possible concerning The National Council of Churches and The World Council of Churches and alleged Communism within its ranks.

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The Policy Committee Of St. John's Methodist Church, Anderson, S. C. is making a study of this and hope you have some information vital to our study that you will be able to forward to us.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Dillon, Montana

Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of January 4th, with enclosure, and can understand the concern prompting your communication.

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be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

With respect to the bulletin you forwarded, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines you have suggested.

I am enclosing a copy of the article you mentioned along with other literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

~~J. Edgar Hoover~~

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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Dillon, Montana
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

Please send me several copies of ~~Communist~~
The Bitter Enemy of Religion, by J. Edgar Hoover. Also any
other pamphlets which will help one to detect communistic tactics
in controlling the church.

I am enclosing a bulletin placed within the Sunday
church bulletin of the church I have been attending, but this
article on The "Die Hard" Problem - 'somehow doesn't seem to
me to come from a spirit-led servant of God. Looks to ^{ME} like
the communist strategy of getting rid of old folk & let the young
folk take over (after they have been brain-washed)

What would be your opinion of the leaflet? The
notes in ink are mine. Then, too there's the truth recorded in
Scripture that often the people of God were not a majority - but
a minority - so, sometimes, the voice of numbers doesn't always
prove it is the voice of God's Holy Spirit.

Sincerely,

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United States Department of Justice
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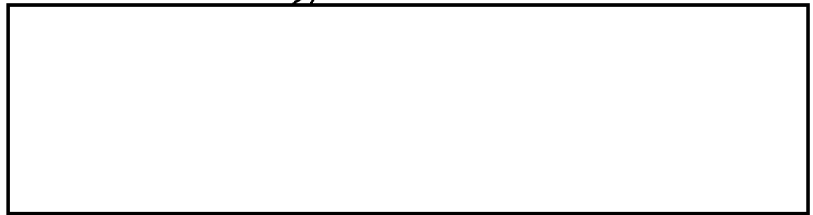
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Sincerely,



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Dillon, Montana

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR DEDICATED CHRISTIANS

I do hereby solemnly resolve, by the Grace of God and to His honour and glory, to make the year of 1964 my most profitable to Him by:

1. Praying more fervently for God's will in my life that I might be used by Him.
2. Dedicating more time to reading His Word and making it a daily practice.
3. Fulfilling my responsibilities as a Church Officer more willingly and efficiently.
4. Attending all regular Church services and Church activities more faithfully.
5. Witnessing to the unsaved and dealing with the indifferent and backslidden Christians with love and holy boldness.
6. Giving of my means more liberally and joyously whether present or absent from my Church.
7. Standing with my Pastor, God's Servant, and endeavoring to be a joy to him and not a grief.

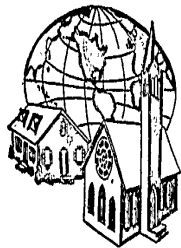
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A MYSTERY?

What happens to all the Church and Unit Officers who say that it doesn't make any difference to them if they are not re-elected to office?

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Church Problem - "Diotrophic & Catastrophic"
 Suggestions For Sincere Church Officers
 How To Get Fire From The Pulpit



GOD'S ORDER
 For The Christian
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Rev. David E. Mathews
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God's Order

"Let all things be done decently and in order."
 (I Cor. 14:40)



Rev. David E. Mathews
 Director and Editor

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Rev. Charles D. Mathews
 Associate Director

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BIG TIME OR

BLESSED CHRISTMAS?

Christmas may be a BIG time and yet not be a GOD BLESSED time. A God Blessed Christmas is one where Christ is given the pre-eminence in all activity, giving and (why not?) decorating. Nothing that would be displeasing to Him should find its way into a Christian's observation of His Birthday.

1. All gifts should be given in His Name and without thought of return.
2. Give to the less fortunate that they may have occasion to praise God for the birth of His Son.
3. Give to Christ's work cheerfully and liberally. Your local Church always has needs. Remember Christian Schools. Give to Faith Missions, Broadcasts, etc. (The Gospel Truth, publishers of God's Order).

4. Give to God's Servants. Never forget your Pastor and his family. Missionaries should not be overlooked. Remember the faithful Teachers in Christian Schools. What about last year's Evangelist?

Whatever you do apart from this is between you and the Lord, but to have a God Blessed Christmas you will joyfully follow the preceding prescription and likewise take heed to the following as a guide.

SANTA VERSUS CHRIST

All Santa	No Christ
Mostly Santa	Little Christ
More Santa	Less Christ
Half Santa	Half Christ
More Christ	Less Santa
Mostly Christ	Little Santa
All Christ	No Santa

"... that in all things He might have the pre-eminence" Col. 1:19.

CURRENT COMPARISONS

Acts 19:32 projects a 3-dimensional image of idolatrous Ephesus. Compare this with current conditions today, and you uncover some very timely truth:

1. "Some therefore cried one thing, and some another." There was no unity - only division! Here is a picture of this age, crying 'peace & safety', but evidencing no real union. Instead, we face one of the most hopelessly-divided tangles this generation has ever witnessed.
2. "the assembly was confused." Today, chaos reigns - confusion is in the saddle. Nations grapple with many problems, but supply few solutions. The situation is reaching explosive proportions.
3. "the more part knew not wherefore they were come together." The majority of people today are ignorant concerning the real issues at stake. Church councils, as well as international conferences, reflect lack of wisdom with little sense of direction.

Why is the Believer warned, "Love not the world"? (I John 2:15)

1. Because our unity & Oneness is centered in Christ ("they also may be One in Us . . ." John 17:21) In Him, we are not divided.
2. Because "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace . . ." (I Cor. 14:40). "Lead a quiet & peaceful life." (I Tim. 2:2)
3. Because, we know God's time-table of events. "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren . . . the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven . . . we shall meet the Lord in the air!" (I Thess. 4:13-17) Christ is coming! Are you ready to meet Him?

While the hypocrite magnifies
 the sins of others
 The sins at home
 he shields and mothers.

THE "DIE HARD" PROBLEM

The "Die Hard" Problem in a local church often is never settled until someone dies. The member afflicted with this disease lives on "past glory" and nothing can ever be done in the Church today that will quite equal the "good old days." His life is one of reminiscence and he feels committed to ever keeping the past before everyone else.

An old picture has always hung "right there" - A Sunday School Class has always met "right here" - Prayer meeting has always been on Wednesday night, ask "so and so" - The Choir has never practiced after Prayer Meeting, ask "so and so" - The Church has gotten along thus far without a formal membership - That tree has been on the southeast corner of the lot ever since I can remember - "So and So" has always led the Choir - "So and So" has always had charge of the Sunday School picnic - The Christmas program has always been on the Sunday Night before Christmas - The Pastor has never had over two weeks vacation before - We've gotten along without pews, why not now? - The Church's by-laws have never been revised, what's wrong with them? - Back in the old days the Pastor was lucky to get \$1200.00 a year (but old Die Hard gets a raise every year, his union or Farm Bureau sees to that) - We've never had a Christian Ed. Director - The building was good enough when we started, why not now? -

And, you carry it on from there into the 1001 things that the cult of "Dies Hards" lay awake nights to think up to impede the progress of local churches.

These self appointed "Champions and Defenders Of The Old Days" inflict more damage on the church they profess to love than all the good they ever did back when -

As Church members advance in years they should constantly beseech God to give them grace to keep out of the way of progress that is for the betterment of the Church. Younger members should be very wary of these "good old days" exponents lest they too become contaminated with the "departed glory" idea.

If all the "Die Hards" in our country would quit talking about "What we used to do" many of our Churches would have revival and it may even attain national scope.

I, for one, Praise God for the "old timers" that keep moving ahead with needed progress and cheerfully accept the voice of the majority, as far as methods and material things are concerned. Phil. 3:13, 14.

*I Kings 12:13, 14 - forsake counsel of old men
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John 8:58 - today & forever.*

TRY THIS PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Give my Pastor discernment as to both the sins of omission and commission in my life.

Give him holy boldness to deal fearlessly and relentlessly with these sins until I yield to Thy will and repent and forsake them.

Give him encouragement that he be not discouraged by my obstinacy and rebellion-

And, Dear Lord,

Give me the grace to accept his ministry and to personally thank him for his faithfulness to Thee and to me.

In Christ's Name, Amen.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

For many years I have been a follower of your writings on the subject of the Communist menace. I greatly appreciate the work which you are doing.

Some time ago I published a little booklet titled, "Are the Communists Using Our Churches?" It was put in print mainly for the use of our own group of Independent Churches. However, many people have written to me asking for it so that we have exhausted our first printing. The demand seems to indicate that it should be republished.

BY JOHN E. ASHBROOK

In the course of the booklet I have used the following quotation:

"I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism.

"Communists try everything when it comes to churches. They sneak disguised propaganda into church bulletins. They send Communists around to lecture church groups. The head of the Communist Party once spoke at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and the Legislative Secretary of the Party addressed a conference of 100 ministers in Washington, D.C. The Communists order their younger members into youth groups where they can spread Atheism and recruit new Communists. Atheism, Communist-style, is also spread through various organizations like the People's Institute of Applied Religion, which teaches Communist ideas under the disguise that they are Christian teachings."

In the first edition of this booklet I attributed this quotation to former President Herbert Hoover. My source for this was the publication of the House Committee on Un-American Activities titled, "Issues Presented by Air Reserve Training Manual". The quotation appears on Page 1301. Several people have written me advising me that the quotation should be attributed to you instead of to the former President. I have seen the quotation in other places ascribed to you. Before republishing this booklet I would like to verify the source of the words. Do they belong to you? If so, where did you write or speak them the first time?

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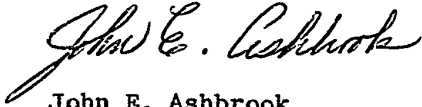
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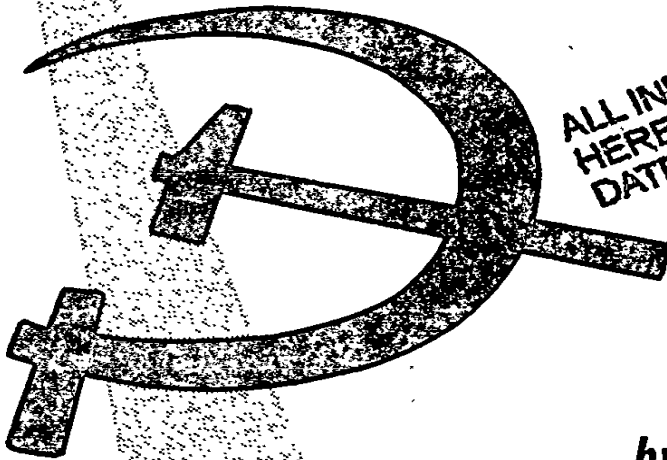
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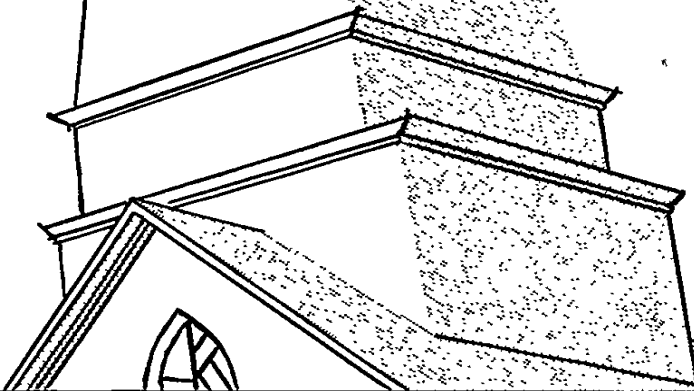
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ARE THE COMMUNISTS USING OUR CHURCHES?

by John E. Ashbrook

CHAPTER I

Communism's Deliberate Effort

I HEARD a story about a small boy who was playing with his blocks on the living room floor. As his father entered the room the boy cautioned him with the words, "Quiet, Dad, I'm building a church!" The father, thinking to draw out a bit of religious knowledge from his son, asked, "Why do we have to be quiet in church?" The boy thought that over for a moment and replied, "We have to be quiet because all the people are asleep!"

I trust that the boy's comment does not fit your church, or mine. However, I want to speak to you this afternoon on a subject concerning which I fear that many church-going Americans are asleep. That subject is, "Communism and our Churches."

I requested of the management of this station the privilege of being heard on this subject. It is my conviction that the reality of Communist influence in the churches has been lightly dismissed by the three broadcasts immediately preceding in this series. I want to express my appreciation to station WPVL for its straight-forward willingness to allow both sides of the issue to be heard.

Before I go further, I wish to make it very plain that my heart is in the Church of Jesus Christ. I trust that no one will feel that I am opposed to the church. As a young chemical engineer, employed in a research institute, I experienced the call of God to the ministry. That call was definite — so definite that I could not resist it. I resigned my position, entered seminary and prepared for the ministry. That has been my work ever

since. I say this to make it plain that when I criticize certain movements in the church I do so, not as an outsider, but as one who is using his life in the Lord's service. My feelings toward the church are well expressed in a hymn written by one of the early presidents of Yale University, Dr. Timothy Dwight. He wrote:

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood."

I also wish to make it plain that in what I have to say I am not seeking to discredit any denomination or group. I will be specific in what I have to say, for such a subject as this requires definiteness. I will mention the names of denominations and groups only when it is necessary to identify the source of quotations.

The propositions which I would like to set before you this afternoon are two. First of all, I would like to demonstrate that the Communists are making a deliberate effort to use the churches. Secondly, I would like to demonstrate that the Communists are having success in this deliberate effort to use the churches.

Communism Has Deliberately Set Out to Infiltrate and Use Churches

Let me proceed with the first proposition that the Communists are making a deliberate effort to use the churches. Perhaps this seems strange to you at first, for you say, "Communists are Atheists." You are correct. However, the Communists will use the church, if they can, to further their purpose.

I am sure that you know the story of Herbert Philbrick, who for nine years was a volunteer counterspy for the FBI. He served within the Communist Party observing the strategy of the Communists. A few years ago Mr. Philbrick wrote an article for the *Christian Herald* magazine in which he commented on this deliberate attempt of the Communists to use the churches. Let me read you what he had to say:

"It is no accident that your church is the number one target of the Communist conspiracy in America today. The Reds have been flushed from previous cover. For one thing, since the war the Communists have suffered severe setbacks in the field of labor. They have lost control of many unions which they once dominated. Having lost power there, they have sought to gain power in another area—and the churches were selected as the target.

In other words, Mr. Philbrick declared that the church is the number one target of the Communist conspiracy in America today. That is a striking statement. It comes from the pen of a man who knows whereof he speaks.

Communist Party Head Spoke at Union Theological Seminary

From Mr. Philbrick, let us turn to a different kind of authority on the subject. I am sure that you will recognize the name of Earl Browder, one-time head of the Communist Party in the United States. While he was still head of the Party he made a speech to the students of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. That alone is strange enough; for I cannot quite understand why an Atheistic Communist should be accounted a prophet and given the floor to speak in a Theological Seminary. However, he spoke there and in the course of his speech he boasted:

"You may be interested in knowing that we have preachers, preachers active in churches, who are members of the Communist Party."

According to the Communists themselves, they are making a deliberate effort to use the churches.

I want to quote one final authority for my first proposition. Listen to the words of former President Herbert Hoover.

"I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism.

"Communists try everything when it comes to churches. They sneak disguised propaganda into church bulletins. They send Communists around to lecture church groups. The head of the Communist Party once spoke at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and the Legislative Secretary of the Party addressed a conference of 100 ministers in Washington, D.C. The Communists order their younger members into youth groups where they can spread atheism and recruit new Communists. Atheism, Communist-style, is also spread through various organizations like the People's Institute of Applied Religion, which teaches Communist ideas under the disguise that they are Christian teachings."

Yes, the Communists are making a deliberate effort to use the churches. That thesis is brought out by the operatives of our FBI, by men of knowledge in our nation and by the Communists themselves.

Communism Is Succeeding in Using the Churches

The next logical question is, "Are the Communists having any success in this field?" In the rest of this broadcast I would like to demonstrate that the Communists are having success in this deliberate effort to use the churches.

It has been inferred by some that those who seek to bring this evidence to the attention of the American people are afraid to be quoted and are afraid to reveal the sources of their information. I wish to make it plain that none of the information which

I am using this afternoon is secret. All of it is in print. I will tell you what it is, and you can obtain copies if you choose. Those who resent the exposure of these facts have slyly used an old debating trick to fight those who would speak out about the inroads of socialism and Communism. The trick is to infer that their opponents are irresponsible extremists. That inference has proven to be a very serviceable hoax. It has caused folks to dodge the real issue. The real issue is whether or not these things are true.

I want to set before you three areas in which the success of the Communists in their deliberate effort to use American churches is demonstrated.

Some Ministers Parrot the Communist Party Line Against Our Free Enterprise System

First of all, the Communists have been successful in getting ministers to parrot the Communist Party line with regard to our free enterprise system. The party line with regard to our free enterprise system is that it is not a completely Christian system; that it is a system which cannot meet the needs of all of its people; and, that it is a decaying system which eventually will fall of its own weight. It will then be replaced with the more kind and Christian systems of socialism and Communism. That very theme is being preached from the pulpits of many American churches.

Dr. Nels F. Ferre is one of the most popular religious speakers in the country today. He has appeared on many of the programs of the National Council of Churches of Christ. He has also been a very popular speaker on the Religious Emphasis Week programs of our universities and colleges. In his book, *Christianity and the Social Order*, page 229, he states his economic views.

“For the common good the distribution of the rewards of society ought

to be from each according to his ability, to each according to his need.”

Have you ever heard that philosophy before? You have if you have read Karl Marx.

On page 232 of the same book Ferre goes on to say:

“Hand in hand with the spiritual rebirth and power should come the socialization of property in the sense of the public ownership of the means of production.”

That sentence is practically a verbatim quotation from the Constitution of the Soviet Union. On page 239 of the same book Ferre says:

“If Marxism should conquer the whole world, this might be merely the prelude in economic arrangement to the blossoming forth within it of the deeply sowed seed of Christian faith and expectations. Marxism may be God’s means to Christian fulfillment in history.”

If these were merely the words of a “nobody,” we might afford to take them lightly. However, the words are the considered writing of a man who has addressed thousands of Americans from the pulpit and has spoken to more thousands of our young people on the campuses of their colleges and universities.

Dr. John C. Bennett Joins Dr. Nels Ferre In Saying That Communist Goals Are Christian

Let us leave Dr. Ferre to his party line opinions of free enterprise and move on to another well-known churchman. Dr. John C. Bennett has long been a prominent Professor in the Union Theological Seminary of New York. He has been engaged in teaching young men who, in turn, will fill pulpits and teach congregations. He has served on many of the committees of the National Council of Churches. Writing in the theological journal, *Theology Today*, in October, 1950 Dr. Bennett wrote:

“Why must they conclude that there is a conflict between Christianity and Communism? . . . Certainly we can-

not find the difficulty in the Communist economic system or in Communist social goals. There is much overlapping between Communist goals and Christian goals."

Did you know that there was much overlapping between Communist goals and Christian goals? I believe that thinking Americans will have a difficult time locating the overlap.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones Sides With Communism Against Free Enterprise

The name of Dr. E. Stanley Jones is well-known. Dr. Jones is one of the most famous missionaries in the world. A Methodist by denomination, he has served for years in India. Dr. Jones was always a featured spokesman of the old Federal Council of Churches and he has rendered equal service to its successor, the National Council of Churches. Listen to the following quotation from his book, *The Choice Before Us*. On pages 133, 134 he says:

"The fact is, as someone has said, 'Communism is the only political theory that really holds the Christian position of the absolute equality of every individual.' I think it is not too much to say that Christianity is less hostile to Communism than to any other political theory, for no political theory is Christian."

Do you believe that Communism holds the "Christian Position" in its economic system? I hope that you do not. Nevertheless, if such statements are repeated over and over again by trusted ministers, their congregations begin to believe them and to act accordingly. If that statement were true, the one logical step we could take would be to open our doors and invite the Russians to take over with their political theory which holds the "Christian position."

When church leaders are saying and writing such things the same ideas begin to appear in church publications. Let me read you a paragraph or two from the *Adult Student*, official organ

of the Methodist Church, the lesson for March 31, 1946.

"It is almost equally clear that a system in which the main motive of work is competition for selfish gain, regardless of public service rendered, is likewise less than Christian.

"This competitive individualism has already undergone drastic modification in all lands where it has existed. Indeed, an increasing number of informed observers is convinced that it is now impossible to return to the old ways or even to retain permanently what is left of capitalism."

Millions of Methodists went to church that particular Sunday morning rightfully expecting to hear a message about the God of John Wesley. Instead, they read a lesson which followed the Communist party line that a competitive economy is less than Christian, is outdated, and is due to fall.

What is your attitude toward free enterprise? I will tell you what mine is. I cherish the system which has provided for us Americans a standard of living unequalled in the world. It is a Scriptural system which has served its people well. I am not ashamed of it. I do not believe that it needs revamping. The only thing that free enterprise needs today is the freedom to work.

Yes, the Communists are making a deliberate effort to use the churches. They have been successful in getting ministers to parrot the Communist Party line with regard to our free enterprise system. I have not said that any of these ministers are Communists. However, I think it is obvious that words similar to those which I have quoted for you this afternoon cannot help but aid the cause of Communism. The attacks on free enterprise prepare the way for socialism; and, socialism, as Mr. Khrushchev has said, prepares the way for Communism.

Some Clergymen Lend Support To Communist Fronts

The second area which demonstrates the success of the Communist effort

to use the churches is the area of the Communist front. Perhaps you do not know what a Communist front is. Let me explain by quoting the testimony of J. Edgar Hoover given before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

“For the most part, front organizations assumed the character of either a mass or membership organization or a paper organization. Both solicited and used names of prominent persons. Literally hundreds of groups and organizations have either been infiltrated or organized primarily to accomplish the purposes of promoting the interests of the Soviet Union in the United States, the promotion of Soviet war and peace aims, the exploitation of negroes in the United States, work among foreign-language groups, and to secure a favorable viewpoint toward the Communists in domestic, political, social, and economic issues.”

It has been inferred that this matter of joining or allowing one's name to be used by front organizations is quite inconsequential. I do not believe that it can be treated so.

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, Past President of The National Council of Churches A Leading Fronter

As an illustration, let me recount the record of one man. This record is important because the gentleman involved is the immediate past President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. He is Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg. In 1960 he finished a three-year term as President of the aforementioned body. Dr. Dahlberg has a history as a joiner of fronts.

Now, I am sure that all of us have, at one time or another, signed some local petition for which we were afterward sorry. We did not realize what we were signing. It is just as possible for a minister to sign things blindly, even though his position makes it imperative that he be extremely careful. However, I cannot believe that when Dr. Dahlberg was affiliated with the

“Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder,” that he did not know that Earl Browder was then General Secretary of the Communist Party and was serving a prison sentence in connection with his possession of a false passport.

Neither can I believe that when the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg joined in signing an open letter to President Roosevelt, protesting an order for the deportation of Harry Bridges as an alien Communist, that he was ignorant of the connections of Harry Bridges.

Neither can I understand how a clergyman could ignorantly allow his name to be used by “The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.” I am sure that you know the name of Morton Sobell as the name of a convicted atom spy. Yet, the publication of this organization for August, 1957 lists Dahlberg as a signer of a petition in Sobell's behalf.

The Circuit Rider's book, *660 Baptist Clergymen*, identifies Dr. Dahlberg with 25 pro-Communist and left-wing activities. I can understand how a man can make a mistake in allowing his name to be used by some organization with a high-sounding name. However, I am at a loss to explain away the record of those who make a career out of being duped.

Communist Front Connections of National Council of Churches Leaders Number Into Thousands

Perhaps you think that I have taken an isolated example and have magnified it out of proportion. I would like to quote for you, from a government publication, the words of Mr. Richard Arens, Staff Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In the Committee hearings on February 25, 1960 Mr. Arens made the following statement:

“Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front

records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement."

Now, I have not said that the joiners of these dubious organizations are Communists. I do not know that. Nevertheless, as clergymen with a high degree of responsibility for their actions, they are consciously or unconsciously supporting Communist enterprises.

Political Statements of Church Groups Favorable To Communist Causes Show Communist Use of Churches

The third area in which there is evidence of the success of the Communist effort to use the churches is the area of political pronouncements of church groups which espouse the Communist position on various issues.

In 1958 there was a conference in Cleveland sponsored by the National Council of Churches. It was called the Fifth World Order Study Conference. It was made up of approximately 600 delegates. This conference went on record by a unanimous vote in favor of the diplomatic recognition of Red China by the United States and the seating of that government in the United Nations.

Let me ask you, if you took a vote in your church today on the same subject would your people unanimously endorse the diplomatic recognition of Red China and the seating of that nation in the United Nations? I think that you will agree that the vote would be far from unanimous — and that, probably, it would be in the opposite direction.

Herbert Philbrick, the FBI counter-

spy, in analyzing the peace proposals of the Fifth World Order Study Conference stated:

"I have been a student of Communist propaganda for more than 20 years . . . On the basis of that background, knowledge and study, the 'peace' propaganda now being distributed to local churches by the National Council of Churches is, in my opinion, the slickest, neatest, trickiest, and the most insidious I have ever seen."

The pronouncements of such a national conference eventually filter down to a local level. This particular one did. In May of 1960 the Ohio Conference of Congregational Churches met right here in our own City of Painesville and, according to the newspaper report, passed by a vote of 99-55 a resolution calling for the eventual recognition of Nationalist China and Red China and acceptance of both into the United Nations. We have recognized Nationalist China for years. So, the new issue was the recognition of Red China.

Again, I am not stating that the men who cast ballots in these conferences were Communists. But, I do not have to tell you that the seating of Red China has long been a Communist aim; and I am very troubled that the opinions of so many American churchmen coincide with that aim.

One could make an amazingly long list of political pronouncements in which the aims of the National Council of Churches of Christ coincide with the aims of the Communist Party. Among these would be: Peaceful co-existence, total disarmament, the abolishing of loyalty oaths, the increase of foreign aid and foreign aid to Communist countries, the banning of nuclear testing, the revision of Immigration and Passport laws and clemency for convicted spies.

Patriotic Americans Should Be Aware of These Facts

I have sought to demonstrate this afternoon, first of all, that the Com-

munists are making a deliberate effort to use the churches. I have sought to demonstrate, secondly, that the Communists are having success in this deliberate effort to use the churches. I believe that the parroting of the Communist party line by prominent churchmen, the joining of Communist fronts by ministers and church leaders, and the political pronouncements of some church conclaves serve to demonstrate this proposition.

I realize that these things are troubling. I do not expect that by stating them I will make myself universally beloved. It is easy to suggest, as has been done, that those who air these charges are the real "Un-Americans." But a thinking man will first investigate the truth of the charges. It is my hope that this lecture will awaken laymen who love their churches to the fact that the Communists delight to use those churches whenever they can. I trust that some will be so disturbed that they will devote themselves to

serious study of this matter. I trust that such laymen will then seek the guidance of God as to how to act in their own situation.

On the night of April 18, 1775 a horseman rode along the byways of the Colony of Massachusetts. As he rode he cried, "The British are coming." I am sure that the men awakened by that rider would rather have slept. Others may have thought that he was an undue alarmist. Some may have even called him "A right-wing extremist." But, as you well know, the British were coming that night. Paul Revere's warning was apropos because it was true.

I lay no claim to being another Paul Revere but I do love my country in the spirit of that noble horseman. With all my heart I believe that the things I have spoken this afternoon are dangerously true. In the words of another early American, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Such vigilance is demanded by the hour in which we live.

CHAPTER II

Where Are Our Churches Going?

WHEN you set out on a trip it is a tremendous advantage to know where you are going.

In the struggle between Communism and Capitalism the Communist has a tremendous advantage. He knows where he is going. He knows, beyond any shadow of doubt or change, that he is at war with Capitalism. He knows that he will continue to be at war with Capitalism until Communism rules the world. His aim is not dubious. It is definite.

Communists Aim for Complete Destruction of All Capitalism

In 1931, Dimitry Manuilsky, speaking before the Lenin School of Political Warfare, clearly spelled out the objective of the Communist conspiracy. He said:

“War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in 20 or 30 years. To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The Capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist.”

There in the words of a Communist, you have the goal. Whether the Communists are talking peace at Geneva, slipping guerrilla soldiers into Vietnam, educating engineers, sending delegates to church conferences, sitting in the United Nations, making concessions at a disarmament conference, taking part in cultural exchanges,

agitating the situation in the Congo, sending aid to starving Indians or building a wall in Berlin; they are pressing toward their goal. Every step they take is another obvious or concealed step in the battle. They know where they are going. They are bound not to cease their varied attack until Communism rules the world.

We Americans have not understood this. In fact, it seems to be something which we cannot understand. For, the fanatic devotion which joins the Communist to his Communism does not join us to our Capitalism. This is strange, for the Communism which inspires such fanatic devotion has yet to produce in any country the blessings it is supposed to bring. On the other hand, the Capitalism to which Americans fail to rally with zeal has produced for its people the most bountiful civilization the world has ever known.

But, it is not my purpose in these lectures to deal with this death battle in general. Rather, it is my purpose to observe this conflict in one realm — the realm of the church. Last Sunday I set forth two propositions. I sought to demonstrate, in the first place, that the Communists are making a deliberate effort to use the churches. Following that, I sought to demonstrate that the Communists are having success in their deliberate effort to use the churches. I set forth my convictions that the parroting of the Communist party line by prominent churchmen, the joining of Communist fronts by ministers and church leaders, and the political pronouncements of the National Council of Churches serve to prove this proposition.

This afternoon I again wish to set forth two demonstrable propositions. First of all, I want you to see that

Communism knows where it is going with regard to the churches.

Communists Hate God And Plan To Destroy Christianity

Karl Marx was an avowed atheist, and he made atheism an integral part of his philosophy. In fact, atheism is the foundation of it. The great developer of Communism, Vladimir Lenin, stated this over and over again. Lenin wrote:

“Atheism is a natural and inseparable portion of Marxism, of the theory and practice of scientific socialism. Our propaganda necessarily includes propaganda for atheism.”

The Programme of the Communist International, adopted at the Sixth World Congress in 1938, states:

“One of the most important tasks of the cultural revolution affecting the wide masses is the task of systematically and unswervingly combating religion — the opium of the people.”

Last week I mentioned the fact that the American Communist, Earl Browder, had spoken before the students of Union Theological Seminary in New York. That strange fact does not mean that American Communism differs in any way on the subject of the churches. In the book, *The Communist — Religion and Communism*, page 351, Browder writes as follows:

“I would not want to hold out any hopes that the Communist will be converted to religion. For us as Communists the question is answered and, while we always examine all evidence that is brought forward scientifically, we have no reason in our experience to believe that any future evidence will modify our conclusions. We would not want to give the slightest indication that there is any prospect of rapprochement between Communism and religion as such.”

Communism knows where it is going with regard to the churches. The repeated statements of Communism

make that fact plain. This fact is also obvious when you consider the absolute materialism which is a necessary part of Communist theory and practice. It is a dictum of Communism that there is nothing in this world but, “matter in motion.” Man can be completely explained as simply, “matter in motion.” There is no soul, there is no spirit.

To the Communist this is not merely theory. The Communists deal with human beings on this basis. At a banquet in Russia in 1934 Klementi Voroshilov, who has served as President of the Soviet Union, made a strange boast to Ambassador William C. Bullitt. He told our ambassador that in 1919 he persuaded eleven thousand Czarist officers at Kiev to surrender by promising them that, if they surrendered, they, their wives and their families would be permitted to return to their homes. When they surrendered, he had the eleven thousand officers and all their male children executed. The wives and daughters were sent into brothels for the use of the Russian army.

How could a man do such a thing? He could do such a thing because, to him as a Communist, people are merely, “matter in motion.” Just as we might destroy a herd of cattle afflicted with hoof and mouth disease, so the Russians destroy people. There is not even any sense of shame for there is no belief in soul, spirit, heaven, hell or immortality.

Communism Hates The Churches But Will Use Them To Further Communism

But, you may ask, if Communism knows where it is going with respect to the churches and if its goal is to abolish all religious faith, why do they still have churches behind the iron curtain? That is rather easy to answer. Certain churches have been allowed to exist because, at this moment, they serve the Soviet purpose. Every protestant minister who visits

Russia comes home singing the praises of the fine Baptist churches in Moscow and Leningrad. These are showcase churches — allowed to exist for the very purpose of making an impression on gullible preachers. Where are the Baptist churches in the other cities and villages of Russia? No one has proven that they even exist.

In 1956 Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of the Presbyterian Church led a delegation representing the National Council of Churches to Russia. The visiting clergymen were shown the freedom of religion existing in Russia. They came home singing joyfully about the vigor of the church behind the iron curtain. On that junket they were wined and dined by Major General Georgi Karpov. Just a few weeks later, in testimony given before a United States Senate subcommittee by Yuri Rastvorov (a former secret agent of the Soviet), Major General Karpov was identified as head of the Religion Section of the Soviet security police. In other words, there are churches open in Russia wherever it serves the Soviet cause to keep them open; and those which are open are under the direction of the secret police.

If you want to procure some shocking reading write to our House of Representatives and request the booklets containing the testimony of escaped ministers from Red China and North Korea. The testimony given by these men tells the story of how the leaders of the true church were arrested, brainwashed and destroyed. Then it tells how all the Christians were forced to attend the former churches to listen to Communist preachers. The uninitiated who visited China saw full churches. Most of them failed to realize that the apparent churches were really Communist indoctrination halls.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of our FBI, has well said:

Communism is secularism on the march. It is the mortal foe of all the world's religions

which acknowledge the existence of God. Either the faith of our fathers will triumph or Communism will engulf us. In this land of ours the two cannot live side by side. Nowhere among the leaders of the Communist Party in the United States, Russia, Red China or in any other part of the world will you find one who loves and believes in God. God is truth. Communists hate truth and, therefore, they hate the church.

Some months ago, Mr. Khrushchev felt the need to restate the Red attitude again so that none of his comrades would feel that the stand of Communism was softening. He said:

We remain the atheists that we have always been; we are doing all we can to liberate those people who are still under the spell of this religious opiate.

I give you these quotations and examples this afternoon to prove my point that Communism knows where it is going with regard to the churches. Atheism is an irremovable part of the Marxist-Leninist system. The goal of the Communist with regard to your church and mine is crystal clear. It is the goal of complete destruction.

The Leaders of The National Council of Churches Seem Blind To The Communist Menace

This brings me to the second point. To me this point is an enigma. I cannot understand it. As we have seen, Communism knows where it is going with regard to the churches. But, my second point is that the churches do not know where they are going with regard to Communism.

You may wish to adjust my point to say that "some churches" do not know where they are going with regard to Communism. However, I have worded the point deliberately for I wish to describe the conduct of the National Council of Churches of Christ and the World Council of Churches. These councils claim to

speak for the churches. The National Council of Churches of Christ is the largest Protestant body in the United States and it represents itself as the voice of 39,000,000 Protestants. If you are a member of any of the major denominations of our land, it claims to speak for you. The World Council of Churches is the largest Protestant religious body in the world. It boastingly claims to be the united voice of the church-world. In other words, whether you agree or not, it speaks in your name.

I have already referred to the fact that Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, then President of the National Council of Churches, led a delegation of American clergymen to Russia in 1956. The favor was returned in June of 1956 when eight Soviet clergymen (you had best put that word "clergymen" in quotation marks) under the leadership of Metropolitan Nikolai of the Russian Orthodox Church landed at New York's International Airport. At the airport the group was met by Dr. Blake and other representatives of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Blake greeted the arriving delegation in a formal statement as, "fellow Christians." Metropolitan Nikolai replied, "We give you a kiss of Christian love." How about it, my friend, do you care for Nikolai's kiss of Christian love? Before you answer the question let me give you a few facts about this pseudo-churchman.

On March 17, 1959 Peter Deriabin, a former officer of the Soviet security police, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In his sworn testimony he said, "When the Soviet delegation is going abroad, it always includes some intelligence or counterintelligence officers." As an example of this, Deriabin referred to the Soviet religious delegation that came to the United States in 1956, the chief of which was Metropolitan Nikolai. Nikolai, he said,

". . . is an agent of KGB

since World War II, who gives information to KGB. KGB is asking him and he is giving information. He is actually an agent."

This is not all that we know about him. Metropolitan Nikolai died on December 13 of last year. Let me quote you a few lines from his obituary as published in the *New York Herald Tribune*.

In 1927 the Soviet government confronted Russian priests with "A declaration of unconditional loyalty to the Soviet power," Nikolai signed it; Metropolitan Iosif of Petrograd rejected it and was shot . . . His reward while more than 100,000 priests went to death or Siberia, Nikolai's ecclesiastical power grew . . .

In a book, *Sermons and Speeches of Metropolitan Nikolai*, an official publication of the Moscow Patriarchate in 1950, he said: "The greedy tentacles of the octopus across the ocean are trying to engulf the entire universe. Capitalist America, this fanatic prostitute of the new Babylon . . . is trying to seduce the people by pushing them into war."

Now, do you care for Nikolai's kiss of Christian love? I think I can sense your answer. However, you may say, that sworn testimony had not been given prior to Nikolai's visit, and his life history had not been written. You are correct. Nevertheless, on the day of Nikolai's arrival the airport was ringed with Latvian and Lithuanian refugees who carried signs saying, "Soviet spies — go home!" They knew what he was; because they knew from experience what he had to be. Yet, here he was being welcomed by the man who was the titular head of 39,000,000 Protestants. And, I want to get this fact over to you — if you are a member of a church in the National Council of Churches, he spoke his welcome in your behalf.

Do you see why I have stated as my point that the churches do not

know where they are going with regard to Communism? If the churches, represented by the great National Council of Churches, had a clear Christian and American policy with regard to Communism they would not have been ensnared in such a strange alliance as that with Metropolitan Nikolai.

World Council of Churches Welcomes Communist-Controlled Russian Orthodox Catholic Church Into Membership

It could be wished that the Nikolai fiasco might have put an end to such spiritual blindness. However, such is not the case. Last November the World Council of Churches met in New Delhi, India. The featured piece of business on the agenda was the reception of the Russian Orthodox Church of Soviet Russia into the World Council of Churches. The man representing the Russian church at New Delhi was Archbishop Nicodin. It is interesting to note that he is the head of the Foreign Relations of the Russian Orthodox Church, having replaced Metropolitan Nikolai. He was trained under Nikolai. He arrived for the sessions each day in the official limousine of the Russian embassy.

You would suppose that the Protestant religious world would, by this time, have learned its lesson concerning the Soviet churches. However, do you know what the outcome was? Our local papers reported that the Russian Orthodox Church was overwhelmingly received by the 145 denominations voting. Of the 145 denominations voting, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* reported that 142 favored the action, 3 opposed it. Two United States denominations refused to vote. Do you know what denominations they were? They were the Russian Orthodox Church in America and the Hungarian Reformed Church in America. I would gather that they knew too much about the state of the church in Russia to stomach such action.

I have sought to lay before you this afternoon two propositions. I have attempted to demonstrate that Communism knows where it is going with regard to the churches. Its ultimate goal is to stamp them out. Then, I have attempted to show you that the churches do not seem to know where they are going with regard to Communism.

I submit to you, my friends, that this is a dangerous situation. To fraternize with a mortal enemy is conduct which is certainly foolish; and, it would seem to me, treasonous to the cause of the Gospel. It cannot help but contribute to the destruction of the church for which the Saviour died.

Are These Things Being Done In Your Name?

I want to repeat something which I have already stated in this lecture. If you are a Protestant, affiliated with a denomination which is a member of the National or World Councils of Churches, this fraternization with the representatives of atheistic Communism has been carried on in your name. Let me ask you, are you in accord with it? If you are not in accord with this foolhardy course of action, have you protested it? If not, it is time for you to get busy.

I have sought to lay before you in this broadcast evidence which is true. You do not have to take my word for it. All the material from which I have quoted is in print. None of it is secret. You may procure it and examine it for yourself. If you are against the course of conduct which I have sought to expose let me suggest to you a simple, four point course of action. (1) Get the facts. (2) Study them yourself. (3) Show them to others. (4) Launch your protest against such things in your own denomination.*

Communism is the enemy of everything the true Christian stands for. It is the most godless and bloodstained philosophy which has ever cursed the

earth. When a bottle is filled with strychnine you cannot treat it like you would a bottle of aspirin. When a power line carries a million volts you cannot treat it like you would a flash-

light. When men declare that they will smash you with their clenched fist you cannot afford to blithely treat them as Christian brothers.

* The author of these lectures knows that these four steps fall short of the Scriptural solution to the problem. II Corinthians 6:17, 18 and II John 9-11 make it very plain that the Bible believing Christian must come out

from apostasy. However these lectures were delivered on a free time, supposedly non-partisan, basis. Because of this the author was not allowed to go as far as he would have done on his own broadcast.

CHAPTER III

Three Gospels

IMMEDIATELY after the first of these broadcasts, two weeks ago, the telephone at our house rang sharply for attention. The man on the other end of the wire asked to speak with the minister who had just been talking on the broadcast. When I picked up the phone my caller said to me something like this: "I have just listened to your broadcast and I want you to know that it lacked the gospel of Jesus Christ." My reply was two-fold. First of all, I pointed out that the broadcast had not been intended to be a sermon. Rather, it had been a lecture on, "Communism and our Churches." The second point of my reply was a question. I asked, "What, Sir, is the gospel?" From that point on a rather lengthy conversation centered on the discussion of that question.

My lecture today is centered about the same question, "What is the gospel?" You may wish to ask me what that has to do with the matter of Communism. Before this lecture is done I hope to show you.

In each of my preceding lectures I have set forth two propositions. Two weeks ago I sought to demonstrate, in the first place, that the Communists are making a deliberate effort to use the churches. Following that, I sought to demonstrate that the Communists are having success in their deliberate effort to use the churches. I did not call anyone a Communist; but I set forth my convictions that the parroting of the Communist Party line by prominent churchmen, the joining of Communist fronts by ministers and church leaders, and the political pronouncements of the National Council of Churches serve to demonstrate the success of the Communists in using the churches.

In my second lecture, last week, I set

forth the fact that the Communists know where they are going with regard to the churches. They are avowed Atheists and their aim for all religion is eventual destruction. Then, in contrast to this point, I set forth the proposition that the churches do not know where they are going with regard to Communism. I sought to show that the friendship of the leaders of the National Council of Churches with men later testified to be Soviet agents, and the glad reception given to the Orthodox Church of Soviet Russia by the World Council of Churches, serve to show an appalling and dangerous ignorance of the Communist plan for the churches.

It is my conviction that the success which the Communists have had in their effort to use the churches is largely due to a lack of understanding as to what the Christian Gospel is. Consequently, I wish to ask and to answer three questions this afternoon. The questions are these: (1) What is the Christian gospel? (2) What is the social gospel? (3) What is the Communist gospel?

What Is The Gospel of Jesus Christ?

First of all, I want you to think with me about the question, "What is the Christian gospel?" This is the easiest of the three questions to answer. The Bible gives a clear definition, so that we need no human reasoning and no other authorities. In the Epistle of I Corinthians, chapter 15, we read the definition of the Christian gospel as given by the great pioneer missionary of the church, the Apostle Paul.

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

The gospel of Christianity is the story of how the God who made heaven and earth reached down in His grace to provide good news for sinful men. The heart of the Christian gospel is in that short phrase, "Christ died for our sins." Christ, the Son of God, was born into this world to bear your sins and mine. Because of this fact the gospel can bring peace to a soul. As the Apostle wrote in Romans 5:1, "... we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The salvation provided in the Gospel is offered to all who believe what God says. We who preach the gospel often say that salvation is received by faith. That is what we are taught in the familiar words of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In every other religion man has to do the work of trying to save himself. However, in Christianity, God has done the work and man has merely to receive what God has done.

This is not all, for the Christian gospel makes a complete change in the heart of the man or woman who takes God at His Word. Paul wrote in II Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

The Bible teaches that when a man receives God's salvation, as set forth in the Christian gospel, that God comes to indwell that man in the person of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God makes changes in the person's life. Scripture tells us what those changes are. Listen to the words of Galations 5:22, 23: "But the fruit of

the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Christ rose from the dead in a new life; and the person who receives this gospel will have a new life too.

I want you to notice that the Christian gospel is completely personal. God has provided a Saviour for lost men and women. Each man must receive that Saviour by exercising personal faith. Each man is then assured by God of personal forgiveness. Each man is then changed by personal regeneration. This, then, is the Christian gospel.

This was the moving force of those Christian people who settled in our early colonies. This gospel itself is non-sectarian. Up in New England the stern Puritans in their services of awesome reverence believed this personal gospel. A few miles to the south in the Colony of Rhode Island the Baptist Churches of Roger Williams, marked by much less sternness and formality, believed this personal gospel. Much further to the south, in the Colony of Georgia, the followers of the Wesleys had dispensed with almost all of the Puritan sternness; but they believed this personal gospel. These Christians differed in dress, in Baptism and in church government; but all of them taught salvation through the same personal gospel.

What Is The Social Gospel?

From this point let me move on to the consideration of the second question. The second question is, "What is the social gospel?"

About 30 years ago a great theological debate rocked the churches of our land. In fact, it rocked the churches of the world — for the debate was largely imported from the shores of Europe. The debate was between the proponents of the personal Christian

gospel as I have outlined it, and the defenders of a new teaching which its advocates chose to call "the social gospel."

The Social Gospel Is Not Historic Christianity

It was not the historic gospel. It was something new. Most of you know that these three lectures of mine came about as a protest against the position of the three lectures which immediately preceded them in this series. The author of those lectures openly advocated the social gospel as the answer in the fight against Communism. It is that minister's American privilege to openly espouse the social gospel, just as it is my privilege to openly espouse the personal Christian gospel. But I want to show you by quoting from the printed copy of the third lecture in the preceding series that the exponents of the social gospel realize that it is a departure from the Scriptural teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. I quote from page five of the lecture, "The American Dream in The Light of the Christian Faith."

"Jesus did not have a social gospel in the modern sense of the term. The legalists whom Jesus opposed were the proponents of a social gospel; that is, they sought a harmonious society by means of legislation. They sought to regulate every social relationship in this way in the name of religion. Jesus, by contrast, emphasized individual salvation . . . Thus the modern form of the social gospel cannot appeal to Jesus' literal example."

Now, if the social gospel is something new and different from the gospel of individual salvation emphasized by Jesus, what is it? I told you in the introduction to this lecture of receiving a call immediately following my first broadcast. The call was from an advocate of the social gospel, a minister I think, who would not give his name. Consequently I feel free to refer to our conversation. As I said before, I asked my caller, "What, Sir, is the

gospel?" His reply was quite simple. He said something like this, "It is the gospel of love." That is the general definition of the gospel which is believed by the advocates of the social gospel. Consequently, the proponents of the social gospel seek to bring about whatever programs they feel are justified by a love for people — welfare programs, housing programs, integration programs, medical programs, public works programs, employment programs and civil liberties programs. The advocates of the social gospel usually seek to bring such projects to fruition by influencing public opinion and lobbying so as to produce legislation. This is well brought out in a part of the quotation which I have already used from the lecture which immediately preceded my own. It was stated:

"The legalists whom Jesus opposed were the proponents of a social gospel; that is, they sought a harmonious society by means of legislation."

The advocate of the personal Christian gospel stresses that changes in society must come about by personal faith in Jesus Christ, personal forgiveness granted by God and personal regeneration produced by the Holy Spirit. On the contrary, the advocate of the social gospel stresses that changes in society can be effected along the general lines of love for people by the passage of laws. This, as you can see, projects the church into the realm of public pronouncements, political activity and world affairs.

What Is The Communist Gospel?

This brings me to the third question. What is the Communist gospel? Perhaps you object to my joining the word, "gospel," with the word, "Communist." Well, I object myself, but I do it for a purpose. I want you to see clearly that Communism is a religion. That is vital. You will never understand Communism until you grasp that fact. Communism is a religion.

Man is basically religious. God made him that way. We read in the Bible that man was created in the image of God. Having been thus created he cannot do without God. Wherever man is found, he worships something. Wherever the archaeologist turns a spade he finds sun gods and fire gods and animal gods. Wherever the explorer goes he finds images and idols and venerated ancestors. Even the atheist, who professes himself free from the bonds of religion, worships his philosophy of atheism.

Communism makes use of this characteristic of man's creation. It schools its people to be free from every vestige of historic religion and then fills the void so created with the religion of Communism.

The Communist Religion Has Four Main Points

The gospel of Communism has four basic tenets. First of all, its basic premise is that there is no God. I am not going to spend time on this today, for last week I dealt with the absolute atheism which is an integral part of Marxism.

The second basic tenet of Communism is also one with which we dealt last week. It is the premise that man is merely, "matter in motion." As far as the Communist is concerned there is nothing eternal about man. He is not body, soul and spirit. He is not body and soul. He is merely body. To the Communist, the emotions which differentiate men from the lower animals are merely reactions of the matter making up that organ known as the brain. As far as they are concerned the brain is formed merely by the sum total of the experiences which a person has. These experiences condition the brain to produce certain reflexes.

This brings us to the third doctrine of the Communist religion. This third precept is that man's intellectual and

spiritual qualities are merely the results of his total environment. As far as the Communist is concerned the most important factor in man's environment is economic. According to the Communist the United States is forced to deal with crime and vice for only one reason. The Communist declares that the Capitalist system is built on the evil motives of profit, greed and self. Since children are reared in this environment their intellectual and emotional characteristics, shaped by the environment, are evil.

The final point in the religion of Communism becomes obvious at this juncture. If man is merely sculptured by his economic environment, then it logically follows that if the environment can be completely controlled, the perfect man can be produced. The regeneration of the human race by such a process is the ultimate goal of the Communist religion. The Communists recruit their young intellectuals, who are the backbone of the party, by setting before them this starry-eyed goal. They declare that young people who become dedicated Communists will be engaged in the scientific production of a perfect race of men — with perfect physical characteristics, perfect moral characters, perfect scientific minds and able to live together in perfect bliss.

The Counterfeit Gospel Of Communism Aims to Change Mankind

William Z. Foster, one-time head of the Communist party in the United States, wrote in his book, *Twilight of World Capitalism*, page 151:

"The law of natural selection which built the marvelous complexities of plant and animal species can no longer work spontaneously. Now the evolution of the human species must be done artificially by the conscious action of man himself."

The Communists believe with religious devotion that once they have conquered the world they will produce a

superhuman race of men through the principles of animal husbandry. Of course this will entail, according to their theory, a perfect environment. Therefore they are committed to the complete destruction of all vestiges of the Capitalistic environment. This will require the murder of millions of people. One has only to read the records of the Communist take-over in China to realize that this is not just theory. The theory is put into bloody practice.

This Communist gospel is the prime tool of the Communists in recruiting the young intellectuals. It is the ideal to which the Communists are dedicated with the kind of zeal and ardor which rightfully belong to God.

It is a common fallacy believed by millions of Americans that dedicated Communists are produced through the experience of being underfed and underprivileged. Operating on the basis of this fallacy we have sought to feed and clothe half the nations of the globe. To our chagrin we are finding that all that our dollars have done is to make it possible for the Communists to take over people who are better fed and better clothed than they were before.

All the time that we have been exporting food to foreign nations the Communists have been feverishly working on the campuses of the world to recruit their young intellectuals with the lure of the Communist gospel — the gospel of regenerating mankind by producing the perfect environment of world socialism.

Anyone who has seen the film, *Operation Abolition*, has seen evidence of the diligence which the Communists have used in recruiting college students to do their dirty work. The young people seen demonstrating in that film have already become entangled in part of the web. And before they are through, some of them will be lured to espouse the religion of Communism and become dedicated Marxists.

We have observed this afternoon three gospels — the Christian gospel, the social gospel and the Communist gospel. I would like to bring them into relation to one another by answering a concluding question. That question is: Why have the Communists been successful in recruiting young intellectuals, who have enjoyed all the fruits of Capitalism in these United States? Let me give you three reasons.

Atheism In Our Schools Prepares Young People To Accept The Communist Gospel

First of all, thousands of young Americans have been trained in atheistic materialism right in our own high schools and colleges. The first two primary precepts of the Communism religion are also the primary precepts of many a biology laboratory. The atheism which prepares the way for the Communist religion is considered a sophisticated philosophy on the campuses of our land. The materialistic theories of development which stem from the unproven hypothesis of evolution easily lead to the Communist teaching that man is merely, "matter in motion."

The vast majority of those who teach these things to young people are not Communists; but they unconsciously serve the Communist cause.

The Social Gospel Prepares Young People To Accept The Communist Gospel

Secondly, young America has grown up in the era of the social gospel. Young people have been taught to believe that man's problems can be met by social legislation. They have been taught from the pulpit to believe that the salvation of the world lies in working for better housing, public relief, universal medical care and legislated security of various hues. The ultimate conclusion of this false philosophy is the Communist conclusion — that man is a product of his environment and can be regenerated by the production

of the perfect environment. The social gospel has unconsciously prepared the way by effectively selling a basic tenet of Communism ideology.

The Lack of A Vital Christian Faith Prepares Young People to Accept The Communist Gospel

In the third place, young Americans are susceptible to the glowing promises of the religion of Communism, for millions of them are not committed to a vital personal religion of their own. Man was created to worship. There is a void in the life of a man when he does not. There is only one religion which can truthfully fill that void. It is the mocked and discarded doctrine of the personal Christian gospel.

This gospel is not popular in America today. I do not claim to speak for the majority. I speak for a minority. But I invite you to review history to observe that the Biblical gospel of personal faith in a living Saviour, personal forgiveness granted by God Himself and personal regeneration has produced in every age where it has been seriously tried that hardy breed of martyrs and patriots which we need in the crisis of this hour. It produced the men and women who were willing to face the lions in the Roman Colosseum. It produced the Livingstones who were willing to sacrifice their lives in the heart of dark continents. It produced that sturdy band of American patriots whose valiant deeds were written in their own blood at Lexington and Concord and Saratoga.

Is This "Super-Patriotism"?

I remember standing one summer morning beside the flagpole on the campus of Northwestern University. I was a raw navy seaman and standing opposite me were two equally raw seamen holding the flag. The man in charge of our flag raising detail was an old navy chief whose sleeves were

well upholstered with service stripes. I cannot give you his exact words; but the old chief said something like this:

"Men, it will be your responsibility this week to raise and lower the flag of your country. When you put it up in the morning I want you to send it to the top of that pole with all the speed you can muster. Make it spank that top pulley like you can't wait to see it fly. When you lower that flag at night inch it down that pole like it tears your heart out to lower your country's flag." Then, addressing me, he said, "Bugler, when you pipe that flag up in the morning put a thrill in your bugle and when you pipe it down at night make it weep."

As a serviceman I blew those bugle calls many times and I think that I can honestly say that I never watched that flag go up or down without that thrill or that tear. I feel that way about my country. It is popular today to call such patriotism, "super patriotism." Call it what you will, I believe that you will have to agree that it is the same as the patriotism of our early forebears who gave their lives for God and country. I am not ashamed of them. I am not ashamed of their patriotism; and I am not ashamed of their personal faith. It is the conviction of my heart as expressed in this lecture that we cannot produce the sorely needed generation of such Americans without returning to the faith which filled their hearts.

That faith was not the social gospel. That faith was not the Communist gospel. That faith was the Christian gospel of personal faith, personal forgiveness and personal regeneration. What that faith produced before it will produce again. It has only to be tried.

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Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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I have received your letter of January 9th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to merit your approval.

This Bureau does not have the information you requested available for distribution. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your communication to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C., for the publication you requested.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest to you. Perhaps you will also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help Americans gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communism in this country and abroad. These books may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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January 16, 1964

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Dear Sirs.

The enclosed clipping from an editorial in the Arizona Republic will help explain the situation in the Serbian Orthodox churches all over the United States. this includes the Phoenix church of St.Sava. [redacted] is one of the clergymen recieving instructions from Bishops placed here by the Communist Yugoslav government. As a result of lies and clever minipulations, the Phoenix colony as others in the U.S. is split. So far it appears this church as some of the others will be handed over to them.

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A few of us are trying as loyal United States Citizens to prevent this total take over of our church. Butwe are few in number who will fight. Some have droped out of the church altogether rather than fight.

We beg of you to help us throw out the foothold this communist menace has gained in this country.

Thank You,

Arizona
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Red Churchmen

During the past year, delegations of Orthodox clergymen from Communist Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Yugoslavia have visited the United States.

The ostensible purpose of their visits has been to discuss religious matters with U.S. clergymen. The true purpose of their visit, however, was to extend control of "mother churches" in Communist countries over Orthodox Church communities in the U.S.

As long ago as last July, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn)—who did such an outstanding job of unmasking the pro-Communist background of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, to which Lee Harvey Oswald claimed allegiance—said some of the clerical visitors are undoubtedly men of God who are trying their best to keep religion alive under very trying circumstances. But, he added, others of the visiting "clergymen" are actually "Communist secret police agents in clerical garb."

Now Dodd's judgment has been borne out.

After months of investigations into the visits of the clerics from the Red nations, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee has uncovered proof that the Communists sought to capture control of the physical assets and spiritual direction of more than 70 Serbian Orthodox church communities in the U.S. and Canada.

The evidence, according to Dodd, indicated that there had been a planned campaign of physical violence dictated from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to oust American Serb religious leaders. The visiting clergymen were under the direct control of their Communist governments, the subcommittee learned, and it learned also that in many U.S. cities—Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, among others—anti-Communists were beaten, meetings were broken up, and fights started.

One interesting sidelight of the investigation was the revelation that Tito's visit to the White House in August enhanced the prestige of the Red churchmen. This means, in effect, that the visit was not the innocuous courtesy call it had been considered.

And the investigation—once more proving the value of congressional committees investigating subversive activities—revealed that the Communists have not yet abandoned their designs on the free world, despite the words of sweetness regularly wafted toward America from behind the walls of the Kremlin.

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Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith
Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled
again with the yoke of bondage.—Galatians 5:1

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Jan. 27, 1964

Dear Sir:

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For the past year our church- The Congregational Church of Kenosha has been arguing about whether or not they should merge with the United Church of Christ. My husband and I are quite concerned because we do not feel that the United Church of Christ is the type of organization it pretends to be. We feel that it is another pressure group-trying to control small churches- and that it has definite leftist tendencies. We know that communists have infiltrated churches- & we believe that this is one of their pet organizations- To make this short & to the point - is there any basis for these thoughts? Aren't they a member of the World Council of Churches & wasn't this group investigated? Or are we laboring under false delusions? I definitely feel this United Church group is "creeping Socialism" if not "running Socialism"-

Please help us with any information you may have. Our Congregational Church has always governed itself completely & this United Church makes all sorts of promises about what it intends to do.

We really would appreciate any insight you can give us on this problem.

Thankyou.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN RELIGION
Gentlemen:

I read in the paper and hear over the radio and television that Communism is working with a tremendous speed through our protestant churches. I belong to the Christian Church, sometimes called The Deciples Church, and have for approximately the past 28 years. Up until three years ago we always heard a sermon on the Birth of Christ at Christmas and a sermon on the Ressurrection of Christ on Easter.

About three years ago we hired a preacher from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, [redacted]. Since that time he has never preached on the Birth of Christ, the Ressurrection of Christ, or on any of the Miracles. Is this any sign of Communism? How can you tell if a preacher is a Communist?, When he is teaching Communism?

I heard that this preacher had a run in with a federal judge in Arkansas, Judge Peabody, I believe. Would this have anything to do with Communism? This is a very serious matter and he is really brain washing the young peoples minds fast.

Certainly will appreciate your advise in this matter.

I am

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The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

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John Edgar Hoover
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